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To provide for the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the Republic of Georgia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 2000

Mr. CRANE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR THE REPUB-**
4 **LIC OF GEORGIA.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds
6 that the Republic of Georgia has—

7 (1) made considerable progress toward respect-
8 ing fundamental human rights consistent with the
9 objectives of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974;

1 (2) adopted administrative procedures that ac-
2 cord its citizens the right to emigrate, travel freely,
3 and to return to their country without restriction;

4 (3) been found to be in full compliance with the
5 freedom of emigration provisions in title IV of the
6 Trade Act of 1974;

7 (4) made progress toward democratic rule and
8 creating a free market economic system since its
9 independence from the Soviet Union;

10 (5) committed to developing a system of govern-
11 ance in accord with the provisions of the Final Act
12 of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in
13 Europe (also known as the “Helsinki Final Act”) re-
14 garding human rights and humanitarian affairs;

15 (6) endeavored to address issues related to its
16 national and religious minorities and, as a member
17 state of the Organization for Security and Coopera-
18 tion in Europe (OSCE), committed to adopting spe-
19 cial measures for ensuring that persons belonging to
20 national minorities have full equality individually as
21 well as in community with other members of their
22 group;

23 (7) also committed to enacting legislation to
24 provide protection against incitement to violence
25 against persons or groups based on national, racial,

1 ethnic or religious discrimination, hostility, or ha-
2 tred, including anti-Semitism;

3 (8) continued to return communal properties
4 confiscated from national and religious minorities
5 during the Soviet period, facilitating the reemer-
6 gence of these communities in the national life of
7 Georgia and establishing the legal framework for
8 completion of this process in the future;

9 (9) concluded a bilateral investment treaty with
10 the United States in 1994;

11 (10) demonstrated a strong desire to build a
12 friendly and cooperative relationship with the United
13 States; and

14 (11) acceded to the World Trade Organization
15 on June 14, 2000, and the extension of uncondi-
16 tional normal trade relations treatment to the prod-
17 ucts of Georgia will enable the United States to avail
18 itself of all rights under the World Trade Organiza-
19 tion with respect to Georgia.

20 **SEC. 2. NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR THE REPUBLIC OF**
21 **GEORGIA.**

22 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION AND EXTEN-**
23 **SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.**—Notwith-
24 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
25 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

1 (1) determine that such title should no longer
2 apply to the Republic of Georgia; and

3 (2) after making a determination under para-
4 graph (1) with respect to the Republic of Georgia,
5 proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treat-
6 ment (normal trade relations treatment) to the prod-
7 ucts of that country.

8 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF
9 THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE REPUBLIC OF GEOR-
10 GIA.—On and after the effective date of the extension
11 under subsection (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to
12 the products of the Republic of Georgia, title IV of the
13 Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

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