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H. R. 3553

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. THOMAS (for himself, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. DREIER) 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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that the Russian Federation—

5 (1) has made considerable progress toward re-
6 specting fundamental human rights consistent with
7 the objectives of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974;

8 (2) adopted constitutional protections and stat-
9 utory and administrative procedures that accord its

1 citizens the right to emigrate, travel freely, and to
2 return to the Russian Federation without restriction;

3 (3) has received normal trade relations treat-
4 ment since 1992 and has been found to be in full
5 compliance with the freedom of emigration require-
6 ments under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since
7 1994;

8 (4) concluded a bilateral trade agreement with
9 the United States that entered into force on June
10 17, 1992;

11 (5) has made progress toward democratic re-
12 forms and creating a free market economic system;

13 (6) has committed itself, including through ex-
14 changes of letters, to ensuring freedom of religion
15 and preventing intolerance;

16 (7) has committed itself, including through ex-
17 changes of letters, to continuing its efforts to return
18 religious property to religious organizations in ac-
19 cordance with existing Russian laws;

20 (8) has demonstrated a strong desire to build a
21 friendly and cooperative relationship with the United
22 States and has been an unwavering ally in the strug-
23 gle against international terrorism that has taken
24 place since the attacks against the United States
25 that occurred on September 11, 2001; and

1 (9) is in the process of acceding to the World
2 Trade Organization and although the negotiations
3 regarding the terms of accession are not finalized
4 the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (nor-
5 mal trade relations treatment) to the products of the
6 Russian Federation will provide positive momentum
7 for those negotiations.

8 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
9 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE RUSSIAN**
10 **FEDERATION.**

11 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-**
12 **SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.**—Notwith-
13 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
14 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

15 (1) determine that such title should no longer
16 apply to the Russian Federation; and

17 (2) after making a determination under para-
18 graph (1) with respect to the Russian Federation,
19 proclaim the extension of nondiscriminatory treat-
20 ment (normal trade relations treatment) to the prod-
21 ucts of that country.

22 (b) **TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.**—
23 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
24 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-

1 acts of the Russian Federation, title IV of the Trade Act
2 of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

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