106TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 4509

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2000

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

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE PEOPLE'S共和国 CHINA.

(a) TERMINATION.—If the President makes a determination that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.) no longer applies to the People's Republic of China, and proclaims the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of China, then, notwithstanding any other provision of law, such extension of nondiscriminatory treatment to the products of China shall only take effect beginning on or after the date on which a vote is taken by the World Trade Organization (WTO) Ministerial Conference regarding the Decision and Protocol of Accession for Chinese Taipei (Taiwan), or the effective date of the accession by the People's Republic of China to the WTO, whichever occurs later.

(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Chinese Taipei” refers to the customs territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, and Matsu, as stated in Taiwan's application as a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), dated January 1, 1990.