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S. 422

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2001

Mr. WELLSTONE (for himself, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. STABENOW) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Taconite Workers Re-
5 lief Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) SEMIFINISHED STEEL SLAB.—The term
9 “semifinished steel slab” means a cold rectangular

1 steel section having a minimum thickness of 1½
 2 inches and a minimum width not less than twice the
 3 thickness, which is converted into finished steel
 4 products by reheating and further hot working.

5 (2) TACONITE PELLET.—The term “taconite
 6 pellet” means a pellet that—

7 (A) is made from very finely divided iron
 8 ore concentrates formed and hardened by firing;

9 (B) is larger than ¼ inch but smaller than
 10 ¾ inch in diameter; and

11 (C) contains 60 to 67 percent iron.

12 **SEC. 3. POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT BY INDUSTRIES INJURED**
 13 **BY IMPORTS.**

14 For purposes of making a determination under sec-
 15 tion 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b))
 16 with respect to increased imports of semifinished steel
 17 slab, taconite pellets produced in the United States shall
 18 be considered to be an article that is like or directly com-
 19 petitive with semifinished steel slab.

20 **SEC. 4. DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TRADE AD-**
 21 **JUSTMENT ASSISTANCE IN CASES INVOLVING**
 22 **TACONITE PELLETS.**

23 For purposes of determining, under section 222 or
 24 250 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272 and 2331),
 25 the eligibility of a group of workers for adjustment assist-

1 ance under chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974,
2 increased imports of semifinished steel slabs shall be con-
3 sidered to be articles like or directly competitive with tacho-
4 nite pellets

5 **SEC. 5. COUNTERVAILING AND ANTIDUMPING DUTY DE-**
6 **TERMINATIONS.**

7 In any case in which semifinished steel slabs are the
8 subject of an investigation under title VII of the Tariff
9 Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.), taconite pellets pro-
10 duced in the United States shall be considered to be a
11 domestic like product with respect to semifinished steel
12 slabs.

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