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2D SESSION

S. 3225

To require the United States Trade Representative to provide documents relating to trade negotiations to Members of Congress and their staff upon request, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2012

Mr. WYDEN 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 “Congressional Over-
5 sight Over Trade Negotiations Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCESS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR**
2 **STAFF TO DOCUMENTS RELATING TO TRADE**
3 **NEGOTIATIONS.**

4 (a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

5 (1) to ensure the adequate consultation of the
6 United States Trade Representative with Members
7 of Congress;

8 (2) to provide Members of Congress with appro-
9 priate opportunities—

10 (A) to advise the Trade Representative
11 with respect to the formulation of trade policy;
12 and

13 (B) to propose specific negotiating objec-
14 tives for trade negotiations; and

15 (3) to provide Members of Congress with the
16 information necessary to assess compliance with and
17 enforcement of commitments made by countries that
18 are parties to trade agreements with the United
19 States.

20 (b) ACCESS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—Notwith-
21 standing section 2107 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion
22 Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3807) or any other pro-
23 vision of law, the United States Trade Representative shall
24 provide access to documents, including classified mate-
25 rials, relating to negotiations for a trade agreement to
26 which the United States may be a party and policies ad-

1 vanced by the Trade Representative in such negotiations

2 to—

3 (1) any Member of Congress that requests such

4 documents; and

5 (2) staff of such a Member with proper security

6 clearances.

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