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H. R. 1079

To require the inclusion of provisions relating to worker rights and environmental standards in any trade agreement entered into under any future trade negotiating authority.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, and Mr. SPRATT) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fast-Track Fairness
5 and Accountability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE TRADE AGREE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 The authority of the President to enter into any trade
4 agreement under subsection (b) or (c) of section 1102 of
5 the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (19
6 U.S.C. 2902) after January 1, 1995, or other authority
7 provided by statute to enter into trade agreements de-
8 scribed in such subsections, may be exercised only if the
9 trade agreement contains provisions that require each
10 party to the agreement to—

11 (1) adopt and enforce laws to afford inter-
12 nationally recognized worker rights to workers in
13 that country (including any designated zone in that
14 country);

15 (2) adopt and enforce laws to promote respect
16 for internationally recognized environmental stand-
17 ards in that country (including any designated zone
18 in that country); and

19 (3) treat as an actionable unfair trade practice
20 the systematic denial or practical nullification of
21 internationally recognized worker rights or inter-
22 nationally recognized environmental standards as a
23 means for any signatory country or its industries to
24 gain a competitive advantage in international trade,
25 commerce, or finance.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 For purposes of this Act—

3 (1) the term “internationally recognized worker
4 rights” has the meaning given that term in section
5 502(a)(4) of the Trade Act of 1974;

6 (2) the term “internationally recognized envi-
7 ronmental standards” includes—

8 (A) mitigation of global climate change;

9 (B) reduction in the consumption and pro-
10 duction of ozone-depleting substances;

11 (C) reduction in ship pollution of the
12 oceans from such sources as oil, noxious bulk
13 liquids, hazardous freight, sewage, and garbage;

14 (D) a ban on international ocean dumping
15 of high-level radioactive waste, chemical warfare
16 agents, and hazardous substances;

17 (E) government control of the
18 transboundary movement of hazardous waste
19 materials and their disposal for the purpose of
20 reducing global pollution on account of such
21 materials;

22 (F) preservation of endangered species;

23 (G) conservation of biological diversity;

24 (H) promotion of biodiversity; and

25 (I) preparation of oil-spill contingency
26 plans; and

1 (3) the term “actionable unfair trade practice”
2 means, under the laws of the United States, an act,
3 policy, or practice that, under section 301 of the
4 Trade Act of 1974, is unjustifiable and burdens or
5 restricts United States commerce.

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