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To amend section 334 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act to clarify the rules of origin with respect to certain textile products.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROTH (for himself and Mr. MOYNIHAN) (by request) 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. RULES OF ORIGIN FOR TEXTILE AND APPAREL**
4 **PRODUCTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 334(b)(2) of the Uruguay
6 Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3592(b)(2)) is amend-
7 ed to read as follows:

8 “(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
2 graph (1)(D) and except as provided in sub-
3 paragraphs (B) and (C)—

4 “(i) the origin of a good that is classi-
5 fied under one of the following HTS head-
6 ings or subheadings shall be determined
7 under subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of
8 paragraph (1), as appropriate: 5609, 5807,
9 5811, 6209.20.50.40, 6213, 6214, 6301,
10 6302, 6303, 6304, 6305, 6306, 6307.10,
11 6307.90, 6308, or 9404.90; and

12 “(ii) a textile or apparel product
13 which is knit to shape shall be considered
14 to originate in, and be the growth, product,
15 or manufacture of, the country, territory,
16 or possession in which it is knit.

17 “(B) CERTAIN OTHER TEXTILES.—Fabric
18 of silk, cotton, man-made fiber, or vegetable
19 fiber shall be considered to originate in, and be
20 the growth, product, or manufacture of, the
21 country, territory, or possession in which the
22 fabric is dyed and printed if at least 2 of the
23 following finishing operations are performed in
24 such country, territory, or possession: bleach-
25 ing, shrinking, fulling, napping, decating, per-

1 manent stiffening, weighting, permanent em-
2 bossing, or moireing.

3 “(C) SILK ACCESSORIES.—

4 “(i) CUT AND ASSEMBLED IN A SIN-
5 GLE COUNTRY.—Silk accessories classified
6 in HTS subheading 6117.10, 6213.10, or
7 6214.10 shall be considered to originate in,
8 and be the growth, product, or manufac-
9 ture of, the single country, territory, or
10 possession in which the fabric for the ac-
11 cessory is cut into parts and assembled
12 into a completed good.

13 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—If the fabric of a
14 silk accessory classified in HTS sub-
15 heading 6117.10, 6213.10, or 6214.10 is
16 not cut into parts and assembled in a sin-
17 gle country, territory, or possession, the
18 silk accessory shall be considered to origi-
19 nate in the country, territory, or possession
20 in which the fabric for the accessory origi-
21 nates.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 this section applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of enact-
- 2 ment of this Act.

