S. 287

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 6, 1997

Mr. Hollings 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. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CERTAIN
- 4 TRADE AGREEMENTS.
- 5 No international trade agreement negotiated under
- 6 the auspices of the World Trade Organization the applica-
- 7 tion of which to the United States would require a change
- 8 in United States law or practice may be implemented by
- 9 or in the United States until the agreement is approved
- 10 by the Congress by law. For purposes of this Act, the term

- 1 "change in United States law or practice" means a change
- 2 in any activity, procedure, limitation on exports or im-
- 3 ports, duty, requirement, or practice that is contrary to
- 4 any law, regulation, rule, or practice of the United States
- 5 in effect on the date on which the change would, but for

6 this Act, be implemented.

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