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To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 1997

Mr. BAUCUS (for himself and Mr. CHAFEE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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(most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of the
People's Republic of China.

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) The United States extends most-favored-na-
6 tion treatment to almost all of its trading partners.

7 (2) Since extension of most-favored-nation sta-
8 tus to the People's Republic of China in 1979, trade
9 between the United States and the People's Republic

1 of China has grown rapidly, promoting jobs and
 2 prosperity in both countries.

3 (3) The United States is working with the Peo-
 4 ple's Republic of China to draft a commercially ac-
 5 ceptable Protocol of Accession under which the Peo-
 6 ple's Republic of China would accede to the World
 7 Trade Organization.

8 (4) Extension of permanent most-favored-nation
 9 treatment to the People's Republic of China would
 10 enable the United States to avail itself of all rights
 11 under the World Trade Organization with respect to
 12 the People's Republic of China, and would result in
 13 greater market access, job creation, and fairness in
 14 trade once the Protocol is completed.

15 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
 16 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO THE PEOPLE'S**
 17 **REPUBLIC OF CHINA.**

18 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
 19 SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
 20 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
 21 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

22 (1) determine that such title should no longer
 23 apply to the People's Republic of China; and

24 (2) after making a determination under para-
 25 graph (1), proclaim the extension of nondiscrim-

1 inatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment)
2 to the products of that country.

3 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—

4 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
5 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
6 ucts of the People's Republic of China, title IV of the
7 Trade Act of 1974 shall cease to apply to that country.

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