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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 1999

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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PRIOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR SUP-**  
2 **PORTING ADMISSION OF CHINA INTO THE**  
3 **WTO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States may not sup-  
5 port the admission of the People’s Republic of China as  
6 a member of the World Trade Organization unless a provi-  
7 sion of law is passed by both Houses of Congress and en-  
8 acted into law after the enactment of this Act that specifi-  
9 cally allows the United States to support such admission.

10 (b) PROCEDURES FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL  
11 OF UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR ADMISSION OF CHINA  
12 INTO THE WTO.—

13 (1) NOTIFICATION OF CONGRESS.—The Presi-  
14 dent shall notify the Congress in writing if he deter-  
15 mines that the United States should support the ad-  
16 mission of the People’s Republic of China into the  
17 World Trade Organization.

18 (2) SUPPORT OF CHINA’S ADMISSION INTO THE  
19 WTO.—The United States may support the admis-  
20 sion of the People’s Republic of China into the  
21 World Trade Organization if a joint resolution is en-  
22 acted into law under subsection (c) and the Congress  
23 adopts and transmits the joint resolution to the  
24 President before the end of the 90-day period (ex-  
25 cluding any day described in section 154(b) of the  
26 Trade Act of 1974), beginning on the date on which

1 the Congress receives the notification referred to in  
2 paragraph (1).

3 (c) JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—

4 (1) JOINT RESOLUTIONS.—For purposes of this  
5 section, the term “joint resolution” means only a  
6 joint resolution of the 2 Houses of Congress, the  
7 matter after the resolving clause of which is as fol-  
8 lows: “That the Congress approves the support of  
9 the United States for the admission of the People’s  
10 Republic of China into the World Trade Organiza-  
11 tion.”.

12 (2) PROCEDURES.—(A) A joint resolution may  
13 be introduced at any time on or after the date on  
14 which the Congress receives the notification referred  
15 to in paragraph (1), and before the end of the 90-  
16 day period referred to in subsection (b)(2). A joint  
17 resolution may be introduced in either House of the  
18 Congress by any Member of such House.

19 (B) Subject to the provisions of this subsection,  
20 the provisions of subsections (b), (d), (e), and (f) of  
21 section 152 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.  
22 2192 (b), (d), (e), and (f)) apply to joint resolutions  
23 to the same extent as such provisions apply to reso-  
24 lutions under such section.

1           (C) If the committee of either House to which  
2           a joint resolution has been referred has not reported  
3           it by the close of the 45th day after its introduction  
4           (excluding any day described in section 154(b) of the  
5           Trade Act of 1974), such committee shall be auto-  
6           matically discharged from further consideration of  
7           the joint resolution and it shall be placed on the  
8           appropriate calendar.

9           (D) It is not in order for—

10                 (i) the Senate to consider any joint resolu-  
11                 tion unless it has been reported by the Com-  
12                 mittee on Finance or the committee has been  
13                 discharged under subparagraph (C); or

14                 (ii) the House of Representatives to con-  
15                 sider any joint resolution unless it has been re-  
16                 ported by the Committee on Ways and Means  
17                 or the committee has been discharged under  
18                 subparagraph (C).

19           (E) A motion in the House of Representatives  
20           to proceed to the consideration of a joint resolution  
21           may only be made on the second legislative day after  
22           the calendar day on which the Member making the  
23           motion announces to the House his or her intention  
24           to do so.

1           (3) CONSIDERATION OF SECOND RESOLUTION  
 2       NOT IN ORDER.—It shall not be in order in either  
 3       the House of Representatives or the Senate to con-  
 4       sider a joint resolution (other than a joint resolution  
 5       received from the other House), if that House has  
 6       previously adopted a joint resolution under this sec-  
 7       tion.

8   **SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES FROM THE WTO.**

9       (a) NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF ADMISSION OF  
 10    PRC TO THE WTO.—If the People’s Republic of China  
 11    becomes a member of the World Trade Organization with-  
 12    out the support of the United States, the President shall  
 13    immediately so notify the Congress and shall, by no later  
 14    than the date on which the membership of the People’s  
 15    Republic of China in the World Trade Organization be-  
 16    comes effective, submit written notice of the withdrawal  
 17    of the United States from the WTO Agreement pursuant  
 18    to Article XV of the WTO Agreement.

19       (b) WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES APPROVAL OF  
 20    THE WTO AGREEMENT.—The approval of the Congress,  
 21    provided under section 101(a) of the Uruguay Round  
 22    Agreements Act, of the WTO Agreement shall cease to  
 23    be effective on the date that is 6 months after the date  
 24    on which the President submits written notice of the with-

1 drawal of the United States from the WTO Agreement  
2 under subsection (a).

3 (c) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the term  
4 “WTO Agreement” means the Agreement Establishing  
5 the World Trade Organization, entered into on April 15,  
6 1994.

7 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

8 Section 125(b)(1) of the Uruguay Round Agreements  
9 Act (19 U.S.C. 3535(b)(1)) is amended by striking “, and  
10 only if,”.

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