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H. R. 796

To normalize trade relations with Cuba, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, and Mr. RAMSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To normalize trade relations with Cuba, and for other purposes.

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 “United States-Cuba
5 Trade Act of 2001”.

6 SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TRADE WITH

7 CUBA.

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

15 (4) extension to Cuba of unconditional normal
16 trade relations treatment would assist Cuba in devel-
17 oping its economy based on free market principles
18 and becoming competitive in the global marketplace;

23 (6) expanding bilateral trade relations is likely
24 to promote further progress in Cuba on human
25 rights and democratic rule and assist Cuba in adopt-

1 ing regional and world trading rules and principles;
2 and

3 (7) Cuba was one of the founding members of
4 the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in
5 1947 and is an original member of the World Trade
6 Organization, and extension of unconditional normal
7 trade relations treatment to Cuba would enable the
8 United States to avail itself of all rights under the
9 World Trade Organization with respect to Cuba.

10 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
11 Congress that—

12 (1) the United States should promote demo-
13 cratic change and economic reform by normalizing
14 trade relations with Cuba; and

15 (2) upon the enactment of this Act, it will no
16 longer be necessary for the United States to con-
17 tinue to use Article XXI of the GATT 1994 with re-
18 spect to Cuba, understanding that the President re-
19 tains full authority to invoke Article XXI of the
20 GATT 1994 and comparable provisions in other
21 Uruguay Round Agreements in the future in all ap-
22 propriate circumstances.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “GATT
24 1994” and “Uruguay Round Agreements” have the mean-

1 ings given those terms in section 2 of the Uruguay Round
2 Agreements Act.

3 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT**

4 **TO THE PRODUCTS OF CUBA.**

5 (a) HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE AMEND-
6 MENTS.—General note 3(b) of the Harmonized Tariff
7 Schedule of the United States is amended—

8 (1) by striking “to section 401 of the Tariff
9 Classification Act of 1962,”; and
10 (2) by striking “Cuba”.

11 (b) REPEAL OF SECTION 401 OF THE TARIFF CLAS-
12 SIFICATION ACT OF 1962.—Section 401 of the Tariff
13 Classification Act of 1962 is repealed.

14 (c) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF
15 THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO CUBA.—

16 (1) EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY
17 TREATMENT.—Nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
18 trade relations treatment) shall apply to the prod-
19 ucts of Cuba.

20 (2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE
21 IV.—Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease
22 to apply to Cuba.

23 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amend-
24 ments and repeal made by this section, shall apply with
25 respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse

1 for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

4 The President shall submit to the Congress, not later
5 than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
6 Act, a report on trade relations between the United States
7 and Cuba.

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