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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LUGAR 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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “United States-Republic  
5       of the Philippines Free Trade Agreement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) Economic growth in the United States has  
2           been considerably enhanced by bilateral agreements  
3           to lower barriers for United States exports.

4           (2) Free trade agreements facilitate economic  
5           growth which enhances the welfare and quality of  
6           life of all citizens of the countries which are party  
7           to the agreements.

8           (3) Countries that open their domestic markets,  
9           remove barriers to foreign direct investment, and  
10          promote free enterprise, empower their citizens to  
11          escape poverty and maintain social and environ-  
12          mental values.

13 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO TRADE.**

14          It is the policy of the United States to seek the elimi-  
15          nation of tariff and non-tariff barriers in order to achieve  
16          more open market access through bilateral free trade  
17          agreements. The agreements should address the following:

18               (1) National treatment and market access for  
19               agricultural and industrial products.

20               (2) Rules for determining which goods originate  
21               in the territory of the United States and which  
22               goods originate in the territory of the other party to  
23               the agreement.

1           (3) Customs procedures that facilitate trade  
2           and collection of trade statistics, while ensuring the  
3           validity of claims for preferential treatment.

4           (4) Science-based, nondiscriminatory sanitary,  
5           phytosanitary, and technical standards, including  
6           voluntary standards.

7           (5) Safeguard provisions consistent with inter-  
8           national law.

9           (6) Government procurement procedures.

10          (7) National treatment and rights of establish-  
11          ment for foreign direct investors.

12          (8) National treatment and market access for  
13          traded services, including consumption of services  
14          abroad, cross-border provision of services, rights of  
15          establishment of commercial presence, and the move-  
16          ment of natural persons.

17          (9) Protection of intellectual property.

18          (10) Transparency of legal and regulatory re-  
19          gimes.

20          (11) Measures to promote electronic commerce.

21          (12) Adherence to internationally recognized  
22          core labor standards.

1 **SEC. 4. NEGOTIATION OF A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH**  
 2 **THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES.**

3 Subject to section 5, the President is authorized to  
 4 enter into an agreement with the Republic of the Phil-  
 5ippines consistent with the policy described in section 3.

6 **SEC. 5. INTRODUCTION AND FAST TRACK CONSIDERATION**  
 7 **OF IMPLEMENTING BILL.**

8 (a) INTRODUCTION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
 9 AND SENATE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Whenever the President sub-  
 11mits to Congress a bill to implement a trade agree-  
 12ment described in section 4, the bill shall be intro-  
 13duced (by request) in the House of Representatives  
 14and in the Senate as described in section 151(c) of  
 15the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191(c)).

16 (2) BILLS QUALIFYING FOR TRADE AUTHORI-  
 17TIES PROCEDURES.—The provisions of section 151  
 18of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2191) apply  
 19to a bill of either House of Congress consisting of—

20 (A) a provision approving a trade agree-  
 21ment entered into under section 4 and approv-  
 22ing the statement of administrative action, if  
 23any, proposed to implement such trade agree-  
 24ment; and

25 (B) provisions directly related to the policy  
 26described in section 3.

1       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 151 of the  
2 Trade Act of 1971 (19 U.S.C. 2191) is amended—

3           (1) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “section 5  
4 of the United States-Republic of the Philippines  
5 Free Trade Agreement Act” after “the Omnibus  
6 Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988,”; and

7           (2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or under  
8 section 5 of the United States-Republic of the Phil-  
9 ippines Free Trade Agreement Act,” after “the Uru-  
10 guay Round Agreements Act,”.

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