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H. R. 3708

To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 20, 2004

Mr. PITTS (for himself, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. TANCREDI, and Mr. CROWLEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Kazakhstan has been found to be in full
6 compliance with the freedom of emigration require-
7 ments under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974.

1 (2) Since its independence from the Soviet
2 Union in 1991, Kazakhstan has made progress to-
3 ward creating a free-market economy system.

4 (3) The Department of Commerce granted
5 Kazakhstan “market economy status”, the first such
6 designation of any independent state of the former
7 Soviet Union, effective October 1, 2001.

8 (4) Kazakhstan concluded a bilateral invest-
9 ment treaty with the United States in 1992.

10 (5) Kazakhstan has demonstrated a strong de-
11 sire to build a friendly and cooperative relationship
12 with the United States.

13 (6) Kazakhstan is providing firm support in the
14 ongoing allied campaign in Afghanistan by allowing
15 coalition forces to use the air space of Kazakhstan
16 and the country’s largest airport in Almaty.

17 (7) Kazakhstan has taken an active role in the
18 reconstruction of Iraq and is the only country in the
19 region of Central Asia to send a military contingent
20 of combat engineers, who have neutralized more
21 than 300,000 explosive devices in Iraq, thereby sav-
22 ing thousands of lives.

23 (8) The extension of unconditional normal trade
24 relations treatment to the products of Kazakhstan
25 will enable the United States to avail itself of all

1 rights under the World Trade Organization with re-
2 spect to Kazakhstan.

3 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
4 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO KAZAKHSTAN.**

5 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
6 SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
7 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
8 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

9 (1) determine that such title should no longer
10 apply to Kazakhstan; and

11 (2) after making a determination under para-
12 graph (1) with respect to Kazakhstan, proclaim the
13 extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
14 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
15 country.

16 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—
17 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
18 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
19 ucts of Kazakhstan, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
20 cease to apply to that country.

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