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H. R. 3823

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 24, 2004

Mr. PAUL (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Belarus Freedom Act
5 of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that Belarus—

8 (1) allows its citizens the right and opportunity
9 to emigrate, free of any heavy tax on the visas or
10 other documents required for emigration and free of

1 any other tax, levy, fine, fee, or other charge on any
2 citizens as a consequence of the desire of such citi-
3 zens to emigrate to the country of their choice; and

4 (2) has received normal trade relations treat-
5 ment since 1992 and has been in full compliance
6 with the freedom of emigration requirements under
7 title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since 1994.

8 **SEC. 3. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
9 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO BELARUS.**

10 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
11 SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-
12 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
13 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

14 (1) determine that such title should no longer
15 apply to Belarus; and

16 (2) after making a determination under para-
17 graph (1) with respect to Belarus, proclaim the ex-
18 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
19 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
20 country.

21 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—
22 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
23 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-

1 ucts of Belarus, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
2 cease to apply to that country.

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