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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2003

Mr. DAYTON 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. POSITIVE ADJUSTMENT BY INDUSTRIES IN-**  
4       **JURED BY IMPORTS.**

5       For purposes of making a determination under sec-  
6       tion 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252(b))  
7       with respect to increased imports of semi-finished steel

1 slabs, taconite pellets produced in the United States shall  
 2 be considered to be an article like or directly competitive  
 3 with such semi-finished steel slabs.

4 **SEC. 2. COUNTERVAILING AND ANTIDUMPING DUTY DE-**  
 5 **TERMINATIONS.**

6 In any case in which semi-finished steel slabs are the  
 7 subject of an investigation under title VII of the Tariff  
 8 Act of 1930, taconite pellets produced in the United States  
 9 shall be considered to be a domestic like product with re-  
 10 spect to such semi-finished steel slabs.

11 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATIONS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TRADE AD-**  
 12 **JUSTMENT ASSISTANCE IN CASES INVOLVING**  
 13 **TACONITE PELLETS.**

14 For purposes of determining, under section 222 of  
 15 the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272), the eligibility  
 16 of a group of workers for adjustment assistance under  
 17 chapter 2 of title II of the Trade Act of 1974, semi-fin-  
 18 ished steel slabs shall be considered to be articles like or  
 19 directly competitive with taconite pellets.

20 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

21 In this Act:

22 (1) SEMI-FINISHED STEEL SLAB.—The term  
 23 “semi-finished steel slab” means a cold rectangular  
 24 steel section having a minimum thickness of 1½  
 25 inches and a minimum width not less than twice the

1        thickness, which is converted into finished steel  
2        products by reheating and further hot working.

3            (2) TACONITE PELLETS.—The term “taconite  
4        pellet” means a pellet that is—

5            (A) made from very finely divided iron ore  
6        concentrates formed and hardened by firing;

7            (B) is larger than  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch but smaller than  
8         $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter; and

9            (C) contains 60 to 67 percent iron.

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