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S. 580

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

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

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 finds that Russia—

5 (1) allows its citizens the right and opportunity
6 to emigrate, free of any heavy tax on emigration or
7 on the visas or other documents required for emigra-
8 tion and free of any tax, levy, fine, fee, or other
9 charge on any citizens as a consequence of the desire

1 of such citizens to emigrate to the country of their
2 choice;

3 (2) has received normal trade relations treat-
4 ment since 1992 and has been found to be in full
5 compliance with the freedom of emigration require-
6 ments under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since
7 1994;

8 (3) since the establishment of the Russian Fed-
9 eration in 1991, has made substantial progress to-
10 ward the creation of a free-market economy;

11 (4) has committed itself to ensuring freedom of
12 religion and preventing intolerance;

13 (5) has committed itself to continuing its ef-
14 forts to return religious property to religious organi-
15 zations in accordance with existing Russian law;

16 (6) has taken significant steps demonstrating
17 its intentions to build a friendly and cooperative re-
18 lationship with the United States;

19 (7) has concluded a bilateral trade agreement
20 with the United States that entered into force on
21 June 17, 1992; and

22 (8) is in the process of acceding to the World
23 Trade Organization.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**2 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO RUSSIA.**

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

7 (1) determine that such title should no longer
8 apply to Russia; and

9 (2) after making a determination under para-
10 graph (1) with respect to Russia, proclaim the ex-
11 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal
12 trade relations treatment) to the products of that
13 country.

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

