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H. R. 967

To provide that normal trade relations treatment may not be extended to the products of any country the government of which engages in certain violations of human rights.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON 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. REMOVAL OF NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS STA-**
4 **TUS FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERN-**
5 **MENTS ENGAGE IN CERTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS**
6 **VIOLATIONS.**

7 (a) REMOVAL OF STATUS.—Nondiscriminatory treat-
8 ment (normal trade relations treatment) may not be ex-

1 tended to the products of a country if the most recent
2 annual report of the Secretary of State transmitted to the
3 Congress under section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) provides that—

5 (1) the human rights record of the government
6 of that country is or remains poor;

7 (2) the government of that country executed
8 persons from criminal offenses after closed trials in
9 which it is impossible to assess whether legal protec-
10 tions were applied;

11 (3) the government of that country arrested
12 and detained persons without following the explicit
13 legal guidelines set forth by the laws of that country;

14 (4) the government of that country continues to
15 restrict freedom of the press;

16 (5) the government of that country prohibits
17 the establishment of opposition political parties or
18 any type of opposition group; or

19 (6) the government of that country does not
20 provide legal protection for freedom of religion and
21 that such freedom does not exist in practice.

22 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The President shall
23 transmit to the Congress, not later than April 1 of each

- 1 year, a report setting forth the countries to which sub-
- 2 section (a) applies, together with the reasons therefor.

