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To provide for the establishment of a working group on trade-related worker rights and labor standards as part of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WOFFORD (for himself, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. RIEGLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. METZENBAUM, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DODD, Mr. KERRY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. LEVIN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Worker Rights and
5 Labor Standards Trade Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON WORKER**
2 **RIGHTS.**

3 (a) ACTION BY THE PRESIDENT.—The President
4 shall seek the establishment as part of the GATT of a
5 working group to examine the relationship of fundamental,
6 internationally recognized worker rights to the articles, ob-
7 jectives, and related instruments of the GATT.

8 (b) OBJECTIVES OF WORKING GROUP.—The objec-
9 tives of the working group described in subsection (a)
10 are—

11 (1) to explore ways to link the conduct of inter-
12 national trade and respect for fundamental, inter-
13 nationally recognized worker rights;

14 (2) to examine the economic impact of trade
15 distortions that are attributable to the systematic
16 denial of fundamental, internationally recognized
17 worker rights;

18 (3) to consider and develop information on the
19 incidence and effects of systematic, trade-distorting
20 worker rights practices and ways to address such
21 practices; and

22 (4) to establish a procedure for preventing any
23 country or industry from gaining a competitive ad-
24 vantage in international trade through the system-
25 atic denial of fundamental, internationally recog-
26 nized worker rights.

1 (c) ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON
2 WORKER RIGHTS WITHIN THE WORLD TRADE ORGANI-
3 ZATION.—At such time as the World Trade Organization
4 becomes effective, the President shall seek the establish-
5 ment in the World Trade Organization of a standing com-
6 mittee on worker rights to which the functions and objec-
7 tives of the working group described in section 3 shall be
8 transferred.

9 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

10 For purposes of this Act:

11 (1) The term “fundamental, internationally rec-
12 ognized worker rights” shall have the meaning as
13 defined in section 502(a)(4) of the Trade Act of
14 1974.

15 (2) GATT.—The term “GATT” means the
16 General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

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