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H. R. 2853

To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment) to the products of Bulgaria.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CRANE (for himself and Mr. RANGEL) 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. CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS AND SUPPLE-**
4 **MENTAL ACTION.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds
6 that Bulgaria—

7 (1) has received most-favored-nation treatment
8 since 1991 and has been found to be in full compli-
9 ance with the freedom of emigration requirements
10 under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 since 1993;

1 (2) has reversed many years of Communist dic-
 2 tatorship and instituted a constitutional republic
 3 ruled by a democratically elected government as well
 4 as basic market-oriented reforms, including privat-
 5 ization;

6 (3) is in the process of acceding to the General
 7 Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the
 8 World Trade Organization (WTO), and extension of
 9 unconditional most-favored-nation treatment would
 10 enable the United States to avail itself of all rights
 11 under the GATT and the WTO with respect to Bul-
 12 garia; and

13 (4) has demonstrated a strong desire to build
 14 friendly relationships and to cooperate fully with the
 15 United States on trade matters.

16 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL ACTION.—The Congress notes
 17 that the United States Trade Representative intends to
 18 negotiate with Bulgaria in order to preserve the commit-
 19 ments of that country under the bilateral commercial
 20 agreement in effect between that country and the United
 21 States that are consistent with the GATT and the WTO.

22 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
 23 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO BULGARIA.**

24 (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-
 25 SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-

1 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
2 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

3 (1) determine that such title should no longer
4 apply to Bulgaria; and

5 (2) after making a determination under para-
6 graph (1) with respect to Bulgaria, proclaim the ex-
7 tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (most-fa-
8 vored-nation treatment) to the products of that
9 country.

10 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—

11 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
12 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
13 ucts of Bulgaria, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
14 cease to apply to that country.

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