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H. R. 3173

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to establish a Chief Agricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 1999

Mr. HULSHOF (for himself, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. WALDEN of Oregon, Mr. EWING, Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HAYES, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, and Mr. BRADY of Texas) 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. CHIEF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATOR.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—Section 141(c)
5 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2171(c)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(5)(A) There is established the position of Chief Ag-
2 ricultural Negotiator in the Office of the United States
3 Trade Representative. The Chief Agricultural Negotiator
4 shall be appointed by the President, with the rank of Am-
5 bassador, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-
6 ate.

7 “(B) The primary function of the Chief Agricultural
8 Negotiator shall be to conduct trade negotiations and to
9 enforce trade agreements relating to United States agri-
10 cultural products and services. The Chief Agricultural Ne-
11 gotiator shall be a vigorous advocate on behalf of United
12 States agricultural interests. The Chief Agricultural Nego-
13 tiator shall perform such other functions as the United
14 States Trade Representative may direct.

15 “(C) The Chief Agricultural Negotiator shall be paid
16 at the highest rate of basic pay payable to a member of
17 the Senior Executive Service.”.

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