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# H. R. 4856

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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purposes.

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 “United States-Cuba  
5 Trade Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TRADE WITH**  
7 **CUBA.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

9 (1) with the end of the cold war and the col-  
10 lapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba is no longer a threat  
11 to the United States or the Western Hemisphere;

1           (2) the continuation of the embargo on trade  
2 between the United States and Cuba that was de-  
3 clared in February 1962 is counterproductive, add-  
4 ing to the hardships of the Cuban people while mak-  
5 ing the United States the scapegoat for the failures  
6 of the Communist system;

7           (3) in the former Soviet Union, the Eastern  
8 bloc countries, China, and Vietnam, the United  
9 States is using economic, cultural, academic, and  
10 scientific engagement to support its policy of pro-  
11 moting democratic and human rights reforms;

12           (4) extension to Cuba of unconditional normal  
13 trade relations treatment would assist Cuba in devel-  
14 oping its economy based on free market principles  
15 and becoming competitive in the global marketplace;

16           (5) the United States can best support demo-  
17 cratic change and human rights in Cuba by pro-  
18 moting trade and commerce, travel, communications,  
19 and cultural, academic, and scientific exchanges;

20           (6) expanding bilateral trade relations is likely  
21 to promote further progress in Cuba on human  
22 rights and democratic rule and assist Cuba in adopt-  
23 ing regional and world trading rules and principles;  
24 and

1           (7) Cuba was one of the founding members of  
2           the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in  
3           1947 and is an original member of the World Trade  
4           Organization, and extension of unconditional normal  
5           trade relations treatment to Cuba would enable the  
6           United States to avail itself of all rights under the  
7           World Trade Organization with respect to Cuba;

8           (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the  
9           Congress that—

10           (1) the United States should promote demo-  
11           cratic change and economic reform by normalizing  
12           trade relations with Cuba; and

13           (2) upon the enactment of this Act, it will no  
14           longer be necessary for the United States to con-  
15           tinue to use Article XXI of the GATT 1994 with re-  
16           spect to Cuba, understanding that the President re-  
17           tains full authority to invoke Article XXI of the  
18           GATT 1994 and comparable provisions in other  
19           Uruguay Round Agreements in the future in all ap-  
20           propriate circumstances.

21           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “GATT  
22           1994” and “Uruguay Round Agreements” have the mean-  
23           ings given those terms in section 2 of the Uruguay Round  
24           Agreements Act.

1 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT**  
2 **TO THE PRODUCTS OF CUBA.**

3 (a) HARMONIZED TARIFF SCHEDULE AMEND-  
4 MENTS.—General note 3(b) of the Harmonized Tariff  
5 Schedule of the United States is amended—

6 (1) by striking “to section 401 of the Tariff  
7 Classification Act of 1962,”; and

8 (2) by striking “Cuba”.

9 (b) REPEAL OF SECTION 401 OF THE TARIFF CLAS-  
10 SIFICATION ACT OF 1962.—Section 401 of the Tariff  
11 Classification Act of 1962 is repealed.

12 (c) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF  
13 THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO CUBA.—

14 (1) EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY  
15 TREATMENT.—Nondiscriminatory treatment (normal  
16 trade relations treatment) shall apply to the prod-  
17 ucts of Cuba.

18 (2) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE  
19 IV.—Title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall cease  
20 to apply to Cuba.

21 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section, and the amend-  
22 ments and repeal made by this section, shall apply with  
23 respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse  
24 for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date  
25 of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

2       The President shall submit to the Congress, not later  
3 than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this  
4 Act, a report on trade relations between the United States  
5 and Cuba.

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