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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ASHCROFT 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 “Securing Heightened
5 Opportunities for Workers, Manufacturers, and Agri-
6 culture Exporters Act” or the “SHOW-ME Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING PERMANENT NORMAL**
2 **TRADE RELATIONS TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUB-**
3 **LIC OF CHINA.**

4 (a) PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS FOR
5 THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
7 provision of law, prior to making a determination
8 that title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
9 2431 et seq.) should no longer apply to the People's
10 Republic of China, the President shall enter into a
11 bilateral agreement regarding enforcement of the
12 People's Republic of China's World Trade Organiza-
13 tion commitments.

14 (2) BILATERAL AGREEMENT REGARDING EN-
15 FORCEMENT.—

16 (A) SCOPE OF AGREEMENT.—For purposes
17 of this Act, the term “bilateral agreement re-
18 garding enforcement” means an agreement be-
19 tween the United States and the People's Re-
20 public of China pursuant to which the People's
21 Republic of China agrees that if the United
22 States initiates a dispute settlement proceeding
23 against the People's Republic of China in the
24 World Trade Organization and prevails and the
25 appeals procedures are exhausted, the People's
26 Republic of China will not challenge or request

1 arbitration on the level of the suspension of
2 concessions or other obligations the United
3 States may take with respect to the People's
4 Republic of China pursuant to the Under-
5 standing On Rules And Procedures Governing
6 The Settlement Of Disputes.

7 (B) DURATION OF AGREEMENT.—The
8 agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall
9 apply for a 15-year period beginning on the
10 date that the People's Republic of China ac-
11 cedes to the World Trade Organization.

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