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To provide additional trade benefits to countries that comply with the provisions of the ILO Convention.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. KERREY) 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 “International Child
5 Welfare Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN BENEFICIARY**
7 **COUNTRIES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 503(a)(1) of the Trade
9 Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2463(a)(1)) is amended by adding
10 at the end the following new subparagraph:

1 “(D) ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR ILO ELI-
 2 GIBLE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.—Notwith-
 3 standing any other provision of this title, the
 4 President may proclaim a rate of duty that is
 5 equal to 50 percent of the rate of duty that
 6 would otherwise apply under this title with re-
 7 spect to any article referred to in subsection
 8 (b)(1) (A), (C), (E), (F), or (G), if the article
 9 is an article originating in an ILO eligible bene-
 10 ficiary country.

11 (b) WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATION.—
 12 Section 503(c)(2)(D) of such Act (19 U.S.C.
 13 2463(c)(2)(D)) is amended to read as follows:

14 “(D) LEAST-DEVELOPED BENEFICIARY
 15 DEVELOPING COUNTRY; ILO ELIGIBLE BENE-
 16 FICIARY COUNTRY.—Subparagraph (A) shall
 17 not apply to any least-developed beneficiary de-
 18 veloping country or any beneficiary developing
 19 country that is an ILO eligible beneficiary
 20 country.”.

21 (c) WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION, OR LIMITATION OF
 22 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.—Section 503 of such Act (19
 23 U.S.C. 2463) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
 24 ing new subsection:

1 “(g) WITHDRAWAL, SUSPENSION, OR LIMITATION OF
2 ADDITIONAL BENEFITS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law, the President may withdraw, sus-
5 pend, or limit the designation of any country as an
6 ILO eligible beneficiary country for purposes of the
7 benefits described in subsection (a)(1)(D) if the
8 President determines that—

9 “(A) the country no longer meets the cri-
10 teria set forth in section 507(6); or

11 “(B) imports of the article to which such
12 additional benefits have been granted have in-
13 creased in such amounts as to cause, or threat-
14 en to cause, injury to a domestic industry pro-
15 ducing an article like or directly competitive
16 with the article.

17 “(2) EFFECTIVE DATE OF WITHDRAWAL, ETC.;
18 ADVICE TO CONGRESS.—

19 “(A) EFFECTIVE DATE.—A country shall
20 cease to be an ILO eligible beneficiary country
21 on the day on which the President issues an
22 Executive order or Presidential proclamation re-
23 voking the designation of such country under
24 this title.

“(B) ADVICE TO CONGRESS.—The President shall, as necessary, advise Congress on the application of subsection (a)(1)(D) and the actions the President has taken to withdraw, to suspend, or to limit the application of preferential treatment with respect to any country which has failed to adequately meet the criteria described in section 507(6).”.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—Section 507 of such Act (19 U.S.C. 2467) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(6) ILO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY COUNTRY.—The term ‘ILO eligible beneficiary country’ means a least-developed beneficiary developing country or a beneficiary developing country that—

“(A) the President determines, after consultation with the Secretary of Labor, is implementing and enforcing the provisions of Convention No. 138 of the General Conference of the International Labor Organization; and

“(B) has requested the additional benefits described in section 503(a)(1)(D).

“(7) ARTICLE ORIGINATING IN AN ILO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARY COUNTRY.—An article is an article originating in an ILO eligible beneficiary country

1 if the article meets the rules of origin for an article
2 set forth in section 503(a)(2), except that in apply-
3 ing section 503(a)(2), any reference to a beneficiary
4 developing country shall be deemed to refer to an
5 ILO eligible beneficiary country.”.

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