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To clarify the requirements for the accession to the World Trade Organization
of the People's Republic of China.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. CONRAD) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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Trade Organization of the People's Republic of China.

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. ACCESSION OF CHINA TO WTO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 122(b) of
5 the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3532(b)),
6 the accession of the People's Republic of China to the
7 World Trade Organization shall be treated as an action
8 that would substantially affect the rights or obligations of
9 the United States under the WTO Agreement.

1 (b) CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE CON-
 2 GRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—In order to carry out the
 3 provisions of section 122(b) of the Uruguay Round Agree-
 4 ments Act, the United States Trade Representative shall
 5 consult with the appropriate congressional committees at
 6 least 60 days before any vote is taken by the Ministerial
 7 Conference or the General Council of the World Trade Or-
 8 ganization relating to the accession of a state or separate
 9 customs territory to the WTO Agreement.

10 (c) CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL REQUIRED.—Not-
 11 withstanding any other provision of law, the United States
 12 may not support the admission of the People’s Republic
 13 of China as a member of the World Trade Organization
 14 unless a provision of law is passed by both Houses of Con-
 15 gress and enacted into law after the enactment of this Act
 16 that specifically allows the United States to support such
 17 admission.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
 20 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
 21 mittees” means the Committee on Finance of the
 22 Senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of
 23 the House of Representatives.

24 (2) CONSULT.—The term “consult” includes—

1 (A) the submission to the appropriate con-
2 gressional committees of any proposed or final
3 bilateral market access agreement between the
4 United States and the People's Republic of
5 China; and

6 (B) the submission to the appropriate con-
7 gressional committees of the full texts of any
8 proposed or final Decision and Protocol of Ac-
9 cession with respect to the People's Republic of
10 China, the complete report of the accession
11 working party, the full text of any reservation
12 in the proposed or final Protocol of Accession,
13 any supplemental agreements to any proposed
14 or final Protocol of Accession, and the submis-
15 sion of any other documents that are required
16 by the World Trade Organization for accession
17 by the People's Republic of China.

18 (3) WTO AGREEMENT.—The term “WTO
19 Agreement” means the Agreement Establishing the
20 World Trade Organization, entered into on April 15,
21 1994.

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