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Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Trade Representative should oppose any changes that weaken existing antidumping and safeguard laws at the World Trade Organization (WTO) round of negotiations to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9–13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2001

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself, Mr. QUINN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. REGULA, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. NEY, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. HOUGHTON, and Mr. STUPAK) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Trade Representative should oppose any changes that weaken existing antidumping and safeguard laws at the World Trade Organization (WTO) round of negotiations to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9–13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations.

Whereas members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) have expressed an interest in renegotiating antidumping and safeguard provisions contained in the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (commonly referred to as the

“Antidumping Agreement”) at the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the WTO to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9–13, 2001;

Whereas the recent pattern of decisions by WTO dispute settlement panels and the WTO Appellate Body to impose new obligations and restrictions on the use of antidumping and safeguard measures by WTO members under the Antidumping Agreement—obligations and restrictions that are not found anywhere in the negotiated text of the Antidumping Agreement or other relevant WTO agreements—has raised concerns; and

Whereas the WTO panels and the WTO Appellate Body issuing these decisions have consistently avoided or misapplied the special standard of review contained in Article 17.6 of the Antidumping Agreement, which is designed to ensure deference to reasonable factual determinations and legal interpretations rendered by national investigating authorities in antidumping proceedings: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that—*

3 (1) renegotiation by members of the World
4 Trade Organization (WTO) of existing antidumping
5 and safeguard provisions contained in the Agree-
6 ment on Implementation of Article VI of the General
7 Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (commonly
8 referred to as the “Antidumping Agreement”) is un-
9 desirable, unnecessary, and unlikely to result in an

1 agreement that does not weaken the antidumping
2 and safeguard provisions; and

3 (2) the United States Trade Representative
4 should oppose any changes to existing antidumping
5 and safeguard provisions contained in the Anti-
6 dumping Agreement at the Fourth Ministerial Con-
7 ference of the WTO to be held at Doha, Qatar, from
8 November 9–13, 2001, and at any subsequent round
9 of negotiations, including any changes that make
10 antidumping relief under these provisions more dif-
11 ficult, uncertain, or costly for domestic industries to
12 achieve and maintain over time.

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