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or grown in Burma.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS (for himself, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. STARK, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PITTS, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. WYNN, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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manufactured, or grown in Burma.

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 “Burma Freedom Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress makes the following findings:

7 (1) The International Labor Organization
8 (ILO), invoking an extraordinary constitutional pro-

1 cedure for the first time in its 82-year history,
2 adopted in 2000 a resolution calling on the State
3 Peace and Development Council to take concrete ac-
4 tions to end forced labor in Burma.

5 (2) In this resolution, the ILO recommended
6 that governments, employers, and workers organiza-
7 tions take appropriate measures to ensure that their
8 relations with the State Peace and Development
9 Council do not abet the system of forced or compul-
10 sory labor in that country, and that other inter-
11 national bodies reconsider any cooperation they may
12 be engaged in with Burma and, if appropriate, cease
13 as soon as possible any activity that could abet the
14 practice of forced or compulsory labor.

15 **SEC. 3. UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL AC-**
16 **TION TO END FORCED LABOR AND THE**
17 **WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOR IN BURMA.**

18 (a) TRADE BAN.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law, until such time as the President de-
21 termines and certifies to Congress that Burma has
22 met the conditions described in paragraph (2), no
23 article that is produced, manufactured, or grown in
24 Burma may be imported into the United States.

1 (2) CONDITIONS DESCRIBED.—The conditions
2 described in this paragraph are the following:

3 (A) The State Peace and Development
4 Council in Burma has made measurable and
5 substantial progress in reversing the persistent
6 pattern of gross violations of internationally-
7 recognized human rights and worker rights, in-
8 cluding the elimination of forced labor and the
9 worst forms of child labor.

10 (B) The State Peace and Development
11 Council in Burma has made measurable and
12 substantial progress toward implementing a
13 democratic government including—

14 (i) releasing all political prisoners; and

15 (ii) deepening, accelerating, and
16 bringing to a mutually-acceptable conclu-
17 sion the dialogue between the State Peace
18 and Development Council (SPDC) and
19 democratic leadership within Burma (in-
20 cluding Aung San Suu Kyi and the Na-
21 tional League for Democracy (NLD) and
22 leaders of Burma’s ethnic peoples).

23 (C) The State Peace and Development
24 Council in Burma has made measurable and
25 substantial progress toward full cooperation

1 with United States counter-narcotics efforts
2 pursuant to the terms of section 570(a)(1)(B)
3 of Public Law 104–208, the Foreign Oper-
4 ations, Export Financing, and Related Pro-
5 grams Appropriations Act, 1997.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this sec-
7 tion shall apply to any article entered, or withdrawn from
8 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
9 the date of enactment of this Act.

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