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H. R. 1281

To amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend trade adjustment assistance to certain service workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2005

Mr. KING of New York (for himself and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. EXTENSION OF TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSIST-**
4 **ANCE TO SERVICES SECTOR.**

5 (a) ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS.—Sec-
6 tion 221(a)(1)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
7 2271(a)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “firm)” and insert-
8 ing “firm, and workers in a service sector firm or subdivi-
9 sion of a service sector firm”.

1 (b) GROUP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—Section
2 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2272) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (1) in subsection (a)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
6 by striking “agricultural firm)” and inserting
7 “agricultural firm, and workers in a service sec-
8 tor firm or subdivision of a service sector
9 firm);

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by strik-
12 ing “like or directly competitive with arti-
13 cles produced” and inserting “or services
14 like or directly competitive with articles
15 produced or services provided”; and

16 (ii) by inserting after subparagraph
17 (B) the following:

18 “(C)(i) there has been a shift, by such
19 workers’ firm or subdivision to a foreign coun-
20 try, in provision of services like or directly com-
21 petitive with services which are provided by
22 such firm or subdivision; or

23 “(ii) such workers’ firm or subdivision has
24 obtained or is likely to obtain services described
25 in clause (i) from a foreign country”;

6 (3) in subsection (c)(3)—

7 (A) by inserting “(or subdivision)” after
8 “such other firm”; and

9 (B) by striking “, if the certification” and
10 all that follows through “Mexico”.

11 (c) DEFINITIONS.—Section 247 of the Trade Act of
12 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2319) is amended by inserting after
13 paragraph (6) the following:

14 “(7) The term ‘service sector firm’ means an
15 entity engaged in the business of providing informa-
16 tion technology or other high technology services.”.