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# H. R. 967

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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. REMOVAL OF NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS STA-**  
4 **TUS FROM COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERN-**  
5 **MENTS ENGAGE IN CERTAIN HUMAN RIGHTS**  
6 **VIOLATIONS.**

7 (a) REMOVAL OF STATUS.—Nondiscriminatory treat-  
8 ment (normal trade relations treatment) may not be ex-

1 tended to the products of a country if the most recent  
2 annual report of the Secretary of State transmitted to the  
3 Congress under section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance  
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) provides that—

5           (1) the human rights record of the government  
6           of that country is or remains poor;

7           (2) the government of that country executed  
8           persons from criminal offenses after closed trials in  
9           which it is impossible to assess whether legal protec-  
10          tions were applied;

11          (3) the government of that country arrested  
12          and detained persons without following the explicit  
13          legal guidelines set forth by the laws of that country;

14          (4) the government of that country continues to  
15          restrict freedom of the press;

16          (5) the government of that country prohibits  
17          the establishment of opposition political parties or  
18          any type of opposition group; or

19          (6) the government of that country does not  
20          provide legal protection for freedom of religion and  
21          that such freedom does not exist in practice.

22          (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—The President shall  
23          transmit to the Congress, not later than April 1 of each

1 year, a report setting forth the countries to which sub-  
2 section (a) applies, together with the reasons therefor.

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