

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3904

To extend the generalized system of preferences program under the Trade Act of 1974, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to extend certain trade preferences under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Trade Pro-
5 gram Extension Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Title V of the Trade Act of 1974 (relating
2 to the generalized system of preferences), the Ande-
3 an Trade Preference Act, and the African Growth
4 and Opportunity Act have played an important role
5 in advancing United States trade policy goals, pro-
6 viding important benefits to United States workers,
7 farmers, and businesses, and helping to trigger sus-
8 tainable economic growth in developing countries for
9 more than 30 years.

10 (2) A key United States trade policy goal relat-
11 ing to the future of these programs is to ensure that
12 they continue to meet their stated goals; and, in par-
13 ticular, in regard to the African Growth and Oppor-
14 tunity Act, that it provide the continuity, stability,
15 and predictability necessary to establish by 2020 a
16 stable and globally competitive textile and apparel
17 industry in Africa.

18 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREF-**
19 **ERENCES.**

20 Section 505 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C.
21 2465) is amended by striking “2006” and inserting
22 “2008”.

1 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF ANDEAN TRADE PREFERENCE ACT.**

2 Section 208 of the Andean Trade Preference Act (19
3 U.S.C. 3206) is amended by striking “2006” and insert-
4 ing “2008”.

5 **SEC. 5. AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT.**

6 (a) PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF APPAREL ARTI-
7 CLES.—Section 112(b)(3)(B) of the African Growth and
8 Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3721(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

9 (1) in clause (i), by striking “2007” and insert-
10 ing “2008”;

11 (2) in clause (ii)—

12 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
13 clause (III);

14 (B) in subclause (IV)—

15 (i) by striking “1.6071 percent” and
16 inserting “3.2143 percent”; and

17 (ii) by striking the period at the end
18 and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(V) 3.5 percent for the 1-year
21 period beginning October 1, 2007.”;

22 (3) in clause (iii)—

23 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
24 clause (II);

25 (B) by striking the period at the end of
26 subclause (III) and inserting “; and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(IV) Mauritius.”; and

3 (4) by striking clause (iv).

4 (b) HEARINGS.—The Committee on Ways and Means
5 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
6 Finance of the Senate shall conduct hearings in the 110th
7 Congress on—

8 (1) the future of trade preference programs
9 under the African Growth and Opportunity Act, the
10 Andean Trade Preference Act, the Caribbean Basin
11 Economic Recovery Act, and title V of the Trade
12 Act of 1974 (relating to the generalized system of
13 preferences);

14 (2) the efficacy of those trade preference pro-
15 grams, including the impact of product exclusions
16 and rules of origin in promoting trade with bene-
17 ficiary countries; and

18 (3) the relationship of those trade preference
19 programs to negotiations in the World Trade Orga-
20 nization Doha Development Agenda, including nego-
21 tiations toward liberalized trade in goods and serv-
22 ices and enhanced opportunities for the least devel-
23 oped countries.

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