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S. 2382

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide parity between the United States and certain free trade agreement countries with respect to the exemption for personal and household effects purchased abroad by returning residents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 12 (legislative day, AUGUST 11), 1994

Mr. BINGAMAN 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. DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR PERSONAL AND**
4 **HOUSEHOLD GOODS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 321(b) of the Tariff Act
6 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1321(b)) is amended by striking “The

1 Secretary” and inserting “(1) The Secretary”, and by
2 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of
4 law, in the case of returning residents and non-
5 residents arriving in the United States from a coun-
6 try—

7 “(A) that is contiguous to the United
8 States, and

9 “(B) with respect to which the United
10 States has a free trade agreement,
11 the amount of the exemption provided pursuant to
12 this section shall not exceed an amount equal to the
13 exemption for personal and household effects ac-
14 quired in the United States provided by such coun-
15 try to residents returning to (or nonresidents arriv-
16 ing in) such country.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 this section shall apply to goods described in section
19 321(a)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930, that are entered or
20 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after
21 the date that is 15 days after the date of the enactment
22 of this Act.

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