

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1557

To authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Armenia.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. MCCONNELL (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mrs. BOXER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) Armenia has been found to be in full com-  
6       pliance with the freedom of emigration requirements  
7       under title IV of the Trade Act of 1974.

8               (2) Armenia acceded to the World Trade Orga-  
9       nization on February 5, 2003.

1           (3) Since declaring its independence from the  
 2           Soviet Union in 1991, Armenia has made consider-  
 3           able progress in enacting free-market reforms within  
 4           a stable democratic framework.

5           (4) Armenia has demonstrated a strong desire  
 6           to build a friendly and cooperative relationship with  
 7           the United States and has concluded many bilateral  
 8           treaties and agreements with the United States.

9           (5) United States-Armenia bilateral trade for  
 10          2002 totaled more than \$134,200,000.

11 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**  
 12 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO ARMENIA.**

13          (a) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-  
 14          SIONS OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.—Notwith-  
 15          standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974  
 16          (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

17               (1) determine that such title should no longer  
 18               apply to Armenia; and

19               (2) after making a determination under para-  
 20               graph (1) with respect to Armenia, proclaim the ex-  
 21               tension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal  
 22               trade relations treatment) to the products of that  
 23               country.

24          (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—  
 25          On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-

1 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-  
2 ucts of Armenia, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall  
3 cease to apply to that country.

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