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Americas Free Trade Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S411-412)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Gramm, Phil [R-TX]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 22, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 22, 2001)

Americas Free Trade Act - Requires the President to initiate trade agreement negotiations with Western Hemisphere countries for the reduction and elimination of tariffs and nontariff trade barriers and the establishment of a Western Hemisphere free trade area.

Declares that this Act shall not apply to Cuba unless the President certifies to the Congress that: (1) freedom has been restored in Cuba; and (2) the claims of U.S. citizens for compensation for expropriated property have been appropriately addressed.

Sets forth determinations the President must make about Cuba before certifying that freedom has been restored. Requires that, once such certification is made, priority be given to negotiation of a free trade agreement with Cuba.

Applies congressional fast track procedures (no amendments) to implementing bills for trade agreements entered under this Act.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 22, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jan 22, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S410-411, S413-414)
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