

S 624

A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the Russian Federation, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)  
**Chamber:** Senate  
**Policy Area:** Foreign Trade and International Finance  
**Introduced:** Mar 13, 2003  
**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3643-3744)  
**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3643-3744) (Mar 13, 2003)  
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Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]  
**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 13, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 13, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1224	Identical bill	Sep 9, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology and the House.

## Summary (as of Mar 13, 2003)

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Authorizes the President to extend nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the Russian Federation.

Declares that it is the policy of the United States to remain fully committed to a multifaceted engagement with the Russian Federation, including by urging the Russian Federation to ensure that its laws and policies in conformity with Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) standards provide for the free emigration of its citizens and recognize human rights.

Declares that the trade agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation that entered into force on June 17, 1992, remains in force and provides the United States with important rights, including the right to use specific safeguard rules to respond to import surges from the Russian Federation.

Requires the President to notify Congress not later than five days after the United States has entered into a bilateral agreement with the Russian Federation on the terms of its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Provides for congressional disapproval of such agreement.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Mar 13, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 13, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3742-3743)
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