

S 3485

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

Introduced: Jun 8, 2006

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jun 8, 2006)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/3485>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Byrd, Robert C. [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 1, 2006
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	D · NV		Aug 1, 2006
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Aug 3, 2006
Sen. Feingold, Russell D. [D-WI]	D · WI		Sep 29, 2006
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Dec 5, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 8, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5635	Identical bill	Jun 27, 2006: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H4668)

Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act - Amends the Tariff Act of 1930 to revise the prohibition on importing convict-made goods into the United States to make it unlawful to: (1) import into, or export from, the United States any sweatshop good; or (2) introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell, or transport or distribute in U.S.commerce, any sweatshop good.

Grants the President, for reasons of national interest, authority to recommend waiver of the applications set forth in this Act in connection with the goods of any country with respect to one or more of the principles and rights defined in this Act as a core labor standard.

Sets forth procedures for consideration of such a waiver.

Makes it unlawful for persons to introduce into commerce, sell, trade, or advertise in commerce, offer to sell or transport or distribute in commerce any sweatshop good.

Requires the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to enforce this prohibition as if it were an unfair or deceptive act or practice proscribed under the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Allows specified persons with standing to bring a civil action in U.S. district courts against sellers of goods, wares, articles, or merchandise on grounds of a violation of such prohibition.

Amends the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and federal law regarding the Armed Forces to prohibit executive agencies from entering into procurement contracts for sweatshop goods.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 8, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 8, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

LegiList

CONGRESS, MADE CLEAR.

Search Every Federal Bill, Law, and Vote

LegiList is the fastest way to research Congress. Track any bill from introduction to enactment, see how every legislator voted, follow committee activity, and read the full text of every bill — all in one place, always up to date.

legilist.com

Free Course: Learn How Congress Actually Works

LegiList Learn is a free, self-paced course that walks through the entire legislative process — from drafting a bill to a presidential signature. Seven modules, plain language, no politics. Earn a certificate when you finish.

legilist.com/learn

Developer API: Build Apps on Legislative Data

The LegiList API gives developers direct access to bills, votes, legislators, committees, and more. Start free with 1,000 requests per day — no credit card required. Upgrade to Pro when you need to scale.

legilist.com/api

Public data belongs to the public. — legilist.com