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Decent Working Conditions and Fair Competition Act

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Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2007
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Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Oct 10, 2007
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]	D · FL		Oct 15, 2007
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Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 17, 2007
Rep. Abercrombie, Neil [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 22, 2007
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Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Oct 22, 2007
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Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Oct 30, 2007
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Oct 30, 2007
Rep. Olver, John W. [D-MA-1]	D · MA		Oct 30, 2007
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Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-23]	D · TX		Oct 30, 2007
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Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Nov 14, 2007
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Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2007
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Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. [D-NY-1]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15]	D · CA		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Towns, Edolphus [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Dec 13, 2007
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Dec 19, 2007
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Dec 19, 2007
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Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2008
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Feb 7, 2008
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Rep. Gonzalez, Charles A. [D-TX-20]	D · TX		Apr 23, 2008
Rep. Hodes, Paul W. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jun 5, 2008
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	R · IN		Jun 25, 2008
Rep. Childers, Travis [D-MS-1]	D · MS		Sep 9, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2007
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 24, 2007
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2007
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2007
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 23, 2007
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 2, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 367	Related bill	Oct 25, 2007: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Interstate Commerce, Trade, and Tourism. Hearings held.
110 HR 1910	Related bill	Apr 25, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.

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.

Prohibits executive agencies and the Armed Forces from entering into procurement contracts for sweatshop goods.

Prohibits anything in this Act from being construed to preempt a state from regulating labor standards required in the mining, production, or manufacture of merchandise purchased by the state.

Actions Timeline

- **May 2, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **Apr 24, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Apr 23, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 23, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Government Reform, Rules, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.