

HR 6148

Trade Agreement Benchmarks and Accountability Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Foreign Trade and International Finance

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade. (Jun 9, 2008)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Rules Committee	House	Referred To	May 22, 2008
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 9, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Foreign Trade and International Finance

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 S 2611	Related bill	Feb 7, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S793)

Summary (as of May 22, 2008)

Trade Agreement Benchmarks and Accountability Act - Subjects bills implementing trade agreements to a point of order in both the Senate and the House of Representatives unless certain conditions are met.

Withdraws congressional approval of a bill implementing a trade agreement if a report by the International Trade Commission (ITC) indicates that certain benchmarks and predictions made with respect to an agreement are not being met unless a joint resolution waiving such benchmarks and predictions is enacted by Congress. Describes the benchmarks as analyses of the following effects of the agreement: (1) resulting job creation and job losses; (2) resulting improvement in wages for U.S. workers; (3) implementation and enforcement of the labor and environmental standards by each country that is a party to the agreement; and (4) the extent to which the agreement will result in an increase in access by U.S. businesses to the market of each country that is a party to the agreement, particularly those sectors identified by the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) as of special importance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 9, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
- **May 22, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 22, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, 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.