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S. 3150

To authorize negotiation of free trade agreements with Turkey, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRAMM introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Turkey Free Trade
5 Agreement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The economic prosperity of the United
9 States and Turkey will increase by reducing trade
10 barriers between the 2 countries.

1 (2) Trade protection endangers economic pros-
2 perity in the United States and Turkey and under-
3 mines civil liberty and constitutionally limited gov-
4 ernment.

5 (3) The successful establishment of a North
6 American Free Trade Area sets the pattern for the
7 reduction of trade barriers throughout the world, en-
8 hancing prosperity in place of the cycle of increasing
9 trade barriers and deepening poverty that results
10 from a resort to protectionism and trade retaliation.

11 (4) The reduction of government interference in
12 the foreign and domestic sectors of a nation's econ-
13 omy and the concomitant promotion of economic op-
14 portunity and freedoms promote civil liberty and
15 constitutionally limited government.

16 (5) Countries that observe a consistent policy of
17 free trade, the promotion of free enterprise and
18 other economic freedoms (including effective protec-
19 tion of private property rights), and the removal of
20 barriers to foreign direct investment, in the context
21 of constitutionally limited government and minimal
22 interference in the economy, will follow the surest
23 and most effective prescription to alleviate poverty
24 and provide for economic, social, and political devel-
25 opment.

1 **SEC. 3. FREE TRADE AREA FOR TURKEY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall take action
3 to initiate negotiations to obtain trade agreements with
4 Turkey, the terms of which provide for the reduction and
5 ultimate elimination of tariffs and other nontariff barriers
6 to trade.

7 (b) RECIPROCAL BASIS.—An agreement entered into
8 under subsection (a) shall be reciprocal and provide mu-
9 tual reductions in trade barriers to promote trade, eco-
10 nomic growth, and employment.

11 **SEC. 4. FAST-TRACK CONSIDERATION OF IMPLEMENTING**
12 **BILLS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the
14 prenegotiation notification and consultation requirement
15 described in section 2104(a) of the Bipartisan Trade Pro-
16 motion Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804(a)), sub-
17 section (b) shall apply to any agreement negotiated under
18 section 3(a), subject to subsection (c).

19 (b) TREATMENT OF AGREEMENTS.—Subject to sub-
20 section (c), in the case of any agreement to which sub-
21 section (a) applies—

22 (1) the applicability of the trade authorities
23 procedures to implementing bills shall be determined
24 without regard to the requirements of section
25 2104(a) of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Author-
26 ity Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3804(a)) (relating only

1 to 90 days notice prior to initiating negotiations),
2 and any procedural disapproval resolution under sec-
3 tion 2105(b)(1)(B) of such Act shall not be in order
4 on the basis of a failure or refusal to comply with
5 the provisions of section 2104(a) of such Act; and

6 (2) the President shall, as soon as feasible after
7 the commencement of negotiations under section
8 3(a)—

9 (A) notify the Congress of such negotia-
10 tions, the specific United States objectives in
11 the negotiations, and whether the President is
12 seeking a new agreement or changes to an ex-
13 isting agreement; and

14 (B) before and after submission of the no-
15 tice, consult regarding the negotiations with the
16 committees referred to in section 2104(a)(2) of
17 such Act and the Congressional Oversight
18 Group convened under section 2107 of such
19 Act.

20 (c) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—The authority of
21 this section shall apply only to agreements entered into
22 before January 1, 2008.

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