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Supporting United States requests to reopen the December 20, 1991, draft final act text in the Uruguay Round to address areas of particular concern to United States manufacturers, environmental and consumer groups.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 1993

Mr. D'AMATO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

Supporting United States requests to reopen the December 20, 1991, draft final act text in the Uruguay Round to address areas of particular concern to United States manufacturers, environmental and consumer groups.

Whereas the completion of the Uruguay Round of Trade Negotiations on a basis that advances the interests of United States agriculture, manufacturing and service industries and safeguards the interests of United States citizens in areas such as environmental protection and worker and consumer safety remains a priority matter for the Congress;

Whereas the Congress in the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 identified overall and principal trade negotiating objectives (19 U.S.C. 2901), which objectives

remain critical to the successful conclusion of multilateral trade negotiations;

Whereas on December 20, 1991, the GATT Secretariat released a document entitled “Draft Final Act Embodying the Results of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations” which document has been criticized by many business and citizen groups as not adequately protecting the interests of the United States;

Whereas throughout 1992 the United States faced continuing efforts by the European Community to reduce the size of the liberalization package in agriculture, a matter of great importance to United States export interests in the agriculture sector, with a resulting agreement in Washington in late November 1992 resolving certain differences in agriculture trade;

Whereas in December 1992, the United States negotiators submitted a list of changes to the December 20, 1991 text that were needed by the United States to protect the interests of United States industries and citizen groups including to the draft texts on:

the Multilateral Trade Organization,

the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade,

the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures,

Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights, Including Trade in Counterfeit Goods, and

the Antidumping Code (including (a) guidelines for panel review; (b) sunset; and (c) anticircumvention);

Whereas efforts in the ongoing Uruguay Round negotiations during December 1992 and January 1993 have not resulted in breakthroughs in other areas of importance to

the United States, including market access commitments in goods and initial undertakings in services; and

Whereas a new Administration has assumed the responsibility for completion of the Uruguay Round negotiations as of the afternoon of January 20, 1993: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) the United States negotiators continue to
3 strive for an early conclusion to the Uruguay Round,
4 provided the final text and commitments adequately
5 protect United States interests; and

6 (2) United States interests require (a) adoption
7 of the changes proposed by the United States in De-
8 cember 1992 in each of the areas identified, (b) gen-
9 eration of the maximum market access package
10 while being sensitive to our most import sensitive
11 sectors, (c) achieving the maximum initial commit-
12 ments in the service negotiations.

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