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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2012

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

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Congressional Oversight Over Trade Negotiations Act''.

SEC. 2. ACCESS OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR STAFF TO DOCUMENTS RELATING TO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section are—

(1) to ensure the adequate consultation of the United States Trade Representative with Members of Congress;

(2) to provide Members of Congress with appropriate opportunities—

(A) to advise the Trade Representative with respect to the formulation of trade policy; and

(B) to propose specific negotiating objectives for trade negotiations; and

(3) to provide Members of Congress with the information necessary to assess compliance with and enforcement of commitments made by countries that are parties to trade agreements with the United States.

(b) ACCESS TO CERTAIN DOCUMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 2107 of the Bipartisan Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2002 (19 U.S.C. 3807) or any other provision of law, the United States Trade Representative shall provide access to documents, including classified materials, relating to negotiations for a trade agreement to which the United States may be a party and policies ad-

vanced by the Trade Representative in such negotiations to—

(1) any Member of Congress that requests such documents; and

(2) staff of such a Member with proper security clearances.

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