

U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS  
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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>CURRENT LAW</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>SENATE</u>	<u>ADMIN POSITION</u>	<u>CDN POSITION</u>
10. <u>Ocean Transportation Practices Act</u>	No provision.	"Trade and International Economic Policy Reform Act of 1987"(HR3) [passed April 30, 1987]	"Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1987"/ [H.R.3(S.1420)] [passed July 21, 1987]	Opposed.	Canadian concern regarding unilateral action to address issues rather than in multilateral negotiations. Also concerned with harassment potential of Senate proposal as slight differences in regulatory regimes could result in complaint and possible action.
11. <u>International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices</u>	Original Act passed in 1974.	Amends timeframes for action further to complaints under this Act.	As per House bill.	Timeframes too short to deal with air carrier complaints.	Canada opposes as it would shorten periods for air negotiations and could lead to unsatisfactory agreements.
12. <u>Export Control Sanctions</u>	No provision.	No provision.	Mandatory sanctions (2-5 yr import prohibitions) against foreign companies violating COCOM controls by selling technology to USSR. Retroactive application of 5 yr ban to Toshiba (Japan) and Kongsbert (Norway). Provisions for recovery of damages occasioned to U.S. national security interests.		Unilateral action inappropriate in light of international and/or bilateral avenues available to address problems.
13. <u>Plant Closings</u>	No provision.	No provision.	Requires employers to give 60 day notice of plant closings or mass layoffs to employees and local governments.	Administration strongly opposed. Considers undue interference in market. Has threatened veto.	