U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS

100th CONGRESS

HOUSE

"Trade and International Economic

Policy Reform Act of 1987"(HR3)

Ipassed April 30, 19871

"Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1987"/
[H.R.3(S.1420)]
[passed July 21, 1987]

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SUBJECT

CURRENT LAW

2. Third World Debt

3. Council on Industrial Competitiveness

- 4. Export Trading Company
 Amendments
- 5. Foreign Corrupt
 Practices Act Amendments

Calls for range of measures aimed at alleviating international debt crisis, expanding world trade and development, raising level of U.S. exports to LDCs, increasing stability of world financial system and expanding role of World Bank and other multilateral development banks including IMF. Proposal for limited purpose Special Drawing Rights for LLDC's under aegis of IMF.

Establishes council to gather and analyse information regarding U.S. competitiveness, create institutional forum for identifying problems, developing strategies and concensus building and make recommendations.

Amendments relate primarily to determination of applicability of classification of firms.

Amends Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in respect of foreign trade practices by Issuers. TITLE XVII: International debt. Many similar measures as in HR3 including, in particular, requirement for negotiations by Sec. of Treasury to establish multilateral financial intermediary to manage third world debt problems.

Has voiced various concerns, e.g. budgetary impact, undermining current negotiations with debtors. Opposed to mandatory negotiation of multilateral debt management facility.

Has Indicated some concerns.

Title XVI.