

U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS
100th CONGRESS

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>CURRENT LAW</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>SENATE</u>	<u>ADMIN POSITION</u>	<u>CDN POSITION</u>
C. VRA's as Section 232 Option	No provision.	No provision.	"Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1987"/ [H.R.3(S.1420)] [passed July 21, 1987]	Clarifies authorization to conclude VRA's under Section 232. Places six month time limit on negotiation.	
3. Adjustment Assistance					
A. Worker Assistance					
(i) <u>Eligibility</u>	Secretary of Labour certifies eligibility if a significant number of workers in a firm have been or are threatened with separation, sales of firms have declined and import increases contributed importantly.	Retains current law.	Expands to include workers indirectly impacted by imports (i.e. firms providing parts or services to firms directly impacted.)	Opposed as Senate proposal would significantly increase costs of adjustment and delay process of adjustment.	
(ii) <u>Training</u>	Secretary of Labour may require eligible workers receiving benefits to accept job training.	Requires workers to accept training if there is no reasonable prospect that he will be reemployed in original position.	Requires workers to accept training unless not feasible or appropriate.	Supports early training.	
B. Firm Assistance					
(i) <u>Eligibility</u>	Secretary of Labour certifies firms' eligibility according to criteria similar to worker eligibility (see A(i) above).	Retains current law.	Expands to include workers indirectly impacted by imports (special provision for oil and natural gas firms).	Opposes expansion.	