

U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS  
100th CONGRESS

SUBJECT	CURRENT LAW	HOUSE	SENATE	ADMIN POSITION	CDN POSITION
2. <u>Authority</u>					
A. General					
(i) <u>Multilateral</u>	Distinguishes between multilateral trade agreements on <u>tariffs</u> and all others ( <u>non-tariff agreements</u> ).	Maintains distinction.	No distinction.		
	<u>Non-Tariff Barriers</u> - two types effective until Jan 3/88.	<u>Non-Tariff Barriers</u> - extends existing authority through Jan 3/91 with possible further extension to Jan 3/93 following USTR report and request to Cttees on Ways and Means and Finance and neither disapproves within 60 days.	<u>Tariff and Non-Tariff Agreements</u> - authority through Jan 3/92 with extension possible if neither House nor Senate disapproves before July 1, 1991. (eg, Progress being achieved in Uruguay Round.) <u>"Reverse Fast Track"</u> - authority terminated if both House and Senate pass resolution of disapproval with 60 days of each other.	Senate bill deficient on proclamation authority - will fight for it in Conference.	Concurs with Administration. Implications for Uruguay Round.
	b) GATT revisions - Achievement of reform consistent with objectives of law.				
	<u>Tariffs</u> - authority expired in 1980 and was subject to certain limitations i.e. 40% tax reduction on tariffs over 5% ad val, no increase of duties beyond 50% with staging provisions not to extend beyond 10 years.	<u>Tariffs</u> - reestablishes authority through Jan 3/93 subject to 60% reduction if industry concerned would be significantly adversely affected with 10 years staging requirement for such sensitive items.	<u>Tariffs</u> - Reductions limited to 50% of existing rates except where below 5%. President to take note of import sensitive products/sectors and act appropriately. Congressional approval required before implementation or proclamation.		Could endanger progress in Uruguay Round.

"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]

No Counterpart.

State Trading and Unfair Concessions Requirements - enforcing existing rules against non-commercial state trading.

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a) Barriers to and other distortions of trade - President may enter into agreements to harmonize reduce or eliminate barriers.

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