

stated in the SAA its intention to seek the views and advice of the ACTPN and the environmental policy committee with respect to environmental issues associated with trade policies or trade agreements

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FOLLOWING WTO PANEL REPORTS

The bill provides for administrative action following panel reports. In addition to increased consultation with Congressional committees, there are provisions that the Administration may request the ITC to review panel/Appellate Body decisions where the U.S. has been found in violation of its obligations under the Safeguards, Subsidies or Antidumping Agreements, and to issue a determination that would render its actions "not inconsistent" with the finding. The USTR is to consult with the appropriate congressional committees before any USITC determination is implemented. There are similar provisions relating to the Department of Commerce (DOC).

OBJECTIVES FOR EXTENDED NEGOTIATIONS

In the area of worker rights, the Administration is instructed to seek establishment of a working party to examine the issue. The U.S. objectives for the working party include:

- explore links between international trade and internationally recognized worker rights;
- examine the effects on international trade of the systematic denial of such rights;
- consider ways to address such effects; and
- develop methods to coordinate the work of the working party with the ILO.

In other areas of ongoing negotiations, the U.S. objectives include:

- a) Financial Services- seeking commitments to reduce or eliminate barriers that deny national treatment or market access;
- b) Basic Telecommunications- obtaining an opening of foreign markets on nondiscriminatory terms; and
- c) Trade in Civil Aircraft - obtaining competitive opportunities comparable to those afforded foreign products in the U.S., reduce or eliminate tariff barriers, and increase transparency in foreign subsidy programs.