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Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mrs. KENNELLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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Additional sponsors: Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. MORAN, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. EWING, Mr. FORBES, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. MANZULLO

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds that—

3 (1) Romania emerged from years of brutal
4 Communist dictatorship in 1989 and approved a
5 new Constitution and elected a Parliament by 1991,
6 laying the foundation for a modern parliamentary
7 democracy charged with guaranteeing fundamental
8 human rights, freedom of expression, and respect for
9 private property;

10 (2) local elections, parliamentary elections, and
11 presidential elections have been held in Romania,
12 and 1996 will mark the second nationwide presi-
13 dential elections under the new Constitution;

14 (3) Romania has undertaken significant eco-
15 nomic reforms, including the establishment of a two-
16 tier banking system, the introduction of a modern
17 tax system, the freeing of most prices and elimi-
18 nation of most subsidies, the adoption of a tariff-
19 based trade regime, and the rapid privatization of
20 industry and nearly all agriculture;

21 (4) Romania concluded a bilateral investment
22 treaty with the United States in 1993, and both
23 United States investment in Romania and bilateral
24 trade are increasing rapidly;

25 (5) Romania has received most-favored-nation
26 treatment since 1993, and has been found by the

1 President to be in full compliance with the freedom
2 of emigration requirements under title IV of the
3 Trade Act of 1974;

4 (6) Romania is a member of the World Trade
5 Organization and extension of unconditional most-fa-
6 vored-nation treatment to the products of Romania
7 would enable the United States to avail itself of all
8 rights under the World Trade Organization with re-
9 spect to Romania; and

10 (7) Romania has demonstrated a strong desire
11 to build friendly relationships and to cooperate fully
12 with the United States on trade matters.

13 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV OF**
14 **THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 TO ROMANIA.**

15 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATIONS AND EXTEN-**
16 **SION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.**—Notwith-
17 standing any provision of title IV of the Trade Act of 1974
18 (19 U.S.C. 2431 et seq.), the President may—

19 (1) determine that such title should no longer
20 apply to Romania; and

21 (2) after making a determination under para-
22 graph (1), proclaim the extension of nondiscrim-
23 inatory treatment (most-favored-nation treatment)
24 to the products of that country.

1 (b) TERMINATION OF APPLICATION OF TITLE IV.—
2 On and after the effective date of the extension under sub-
3 section (a)(2) of nondiscriminatory treatment to the prod-
4 ucts of Romania, title IV of the Trade Act of 1974 shall
5 cease to apply to that country.