



Which proposed amendment scores a big fat zero with consumers?

#1665, added by Senator Dorgan to the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill. This amendment would prohibit the U.S. from negotiating any agreement, bilateral or multilateral, that would modify U.S. trade remedy laws, such as safeguards.

This is a **horrible** amendment for a number of reasons:

- If the United States were to take this unilateral action it would encourage our trading partners to follow our lead and take their politically sensitive issues off the table during bilateral and multilateral negotiations. It would severely impair our ability to negotiate bilateral trade agreements that include safeguard mechanisms.
- This amendment is unnecessary because the Trade Act of 2002 already includes a full trade negotiating objective on trade remedy rules which Congress agreed to after extensive debate. The Trade Act also includes consultation mechanisms on trade remedy issues in particular.

For these reasons,

Consumers for World Trade Urges the Senate Appropriations Committee to Reject Amendment #1665 to the CJS Appropriations Bill



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