

**THE COMMONWEALTH'S TREATY-MAKING PROCESS**  
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**The US Trade Bill**

The correct name of the bill is the Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Bill of 2015

It was been approved by the US Senate Finance Committee on 16 April 2015 , but still has to go through both houses of the US legislature.

There is a press release from the US Senate Finance Committee here: From <http://www.finance.senate.gov/newsroom/chairman/release/?id=7701eb50-a0ef-4257-bfc1-b06efe725b8c>

The full text of the Bill is here: <http://www.finance.senate.gov/download/?id=FEC41212-F7AF-4A6D-BF83-978401999DAF>

There is a Section by Section summary of the bill here: <http://www.finance.senate.gov/download/?id=0009D10C-38FD-4D67-AC17-C9F29ABEAF05>

There is a Summary of the bill here: <http://www.finance.senate.gov/download/?id=070F3045-8E10-4284-896C-95344D75ECDE>

I will not try to predict how the passage through the House of Representatives and the Senate might change the bill.

Regards,  
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