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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.

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