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S. 2310

To require the United States Trade Representative to permit the public to submit comments on trade agreement negotiations through the Internet.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 16, 2018

Mr. TESTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Trade Transparency
5 and Public Input Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.**

7 Section 105(a)(1) of the Bipartisan Congressional
8 Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015 (19
9 U.S.C. 4204(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and”
2 and inserting a semicolon;

3 (2) in subparagraph (D), by striking the period
4 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(E) at least 30 calendar days before initi-
7 ating negotiations with a country, publish on a
8 publicly available Internet website of the Office
9 of the United States Trade Representative an
10 easily accessible portal—

11 “(i) that allows the public to electroni-
12 cally submit comments on the negotiations
13 for the duration of the negotiations; and

14 “(ii) which shall be in addition to re-
15 quests for comments issued by the United
16 States Trade Representative through no-
17 tice in the Federal Register.”.

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