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D. Bingaman Expresses Concerns Over Labor and Immigration

Senator Jeff Bingaman

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Contentious House Hearing Amidst New Announcements of Opposition/Support for CAFTA

SUMMARY

Congressional focus on the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (DR-CAFTA) shifted to the House on April 21, 2005, with a hearing before the Ways and Means Committee.

At the hearing, tempered flared as Committee Democrats decried the lack of consultation 5550h4()-33(t)-2he a

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these account for 96 percent of duties assessed on U.S. exports of indust

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The Advanced Technology Medical Association (AdvaMed) and Bayer Corporation²⁹ favor the elimination of global tariffs and NTBs in the health sector, including on medical technology products. Bayer and Shrieve Chemical Products identified a number of chemical and medical products where they sought tariff reductions.

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workers. The US is under industry and Congressional pressure not to alter its positions. The US is isolated in its position towards trade remedy disciplines, and a lack of movement could complicate other negotiations.

USTR and other U.S. agencies involved in Doha Round negotiations will taes wcesoul

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The Panel said that applicants for GIs in third countries thus faced an “extra hurdle” that applicants in the EC did not face. Each such “extra hurdle”, according to the Panel, “significantly reduces the opportunities available to the nationals of other WTO Members in the acquisition of rights under the Regulation below those available” to EC nationals. Therefore, the Regulation accorded to the nationals of other WTO Members treatment less

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between countries where like conditions prevail, or a disguised restriction on trade in services.”

The U.S. prohibition on internet gambling met the first two parts of the test, but failed the third condition, as discussed below.

B. Defining “Public Morals and Public Order”

The Panel had defined “public morals” in part as “standards of right and wrong conduct maintained by or on behalf of a community or nation.” The Panel

