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To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To lift the trade embargo on Cuba, and for other purposes.

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 “Cuba Reconciliation
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF PROVISIONS RESTRICTING TRADE**
2 **AND OTHER RELATIONS WITH CUBA.**

3 (a) **AUTHORITY FOR EMBARGO.**—Section 620(a) of
4 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2370(a))
5 is repealed.

6 (b) **TRADING WITH THE ENEMY ACT.**—The authori-
7 ties conferred upon the President by section 5(b) of the
8 Trading with the Enemy Act, which were being exercised
9 with respect to Cuba on July 1, 1977, as a result of a
10 national emergency declared by the President before that
11 date, and are being exercised on the day before the effec-
12 tive date of this Act, may not be exercised on or after
13 such effective date with respect to Cuba. Any regulations
14 in effect on the day before such effective date pursuant
15 to the exercise of such authorities, shall cease to be effec-
16 tive on such date.

17 (c) **EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES UNDER OTHER PRO-**
18 **VISIONS OF LAW.**—

19 (1) **REMOVAL OF PROHIBITIONS.**—Any prohibi-
20 tion on exports to Cuba that is in effect on the day
21 before the effective date of this Act under the Ex-
22 port Administration Act of 1979 (as continued in ef-
23 fect under the International Emergency Economic
24 Powers Act) shall cease to be effective on such effec-
25 tive date.

1 (2) AUTHORITY FOR NEW RESTRICTIONS.—The
2 President may, on and after the effective date of this
3 Act—

4 (A) impose export controls with respect to
5 Cuba under section 5, 6(j), 6(l), or 6(m) of the
6 Export Administration Act of 1979 (as contin-
7 ued in effect under the International Emer-
8 gency Economic Powers Act); and

9 (B) exercise the authorities he has under
10 the International Emergency Economic Powers
11 Act with respect to Cuba pursuant to a declara-
12 tion of national emergency required by that Act
13 that is made on account of an unusual and ex-
14 traordinary threat, that did not exist before the
15 enactment of this Act, to the national security,
16 foreign policy, or economy of the United States.

17 (d) CUBAN DEMOCRACY ACT OF 1992.—The Cuban
18 Democracy Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 6001 and following)
19 is repealed.

20 (e) REPEAL OF CUBAN LIBERTY AND DEMOCRATIC
21 SOLIDARITY (LIBERTAD) ACT OF 1996.—

22 (1) REPEAL.—The Cuban Liberty and Demo-
23 cratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 is re-
24 pealed.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section
 2 498A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22
 3 U.S.C. 2295a) is amended—

4 (i) in subsection (a)(11), by striking “and
 5 intelligence facilities, including the military and
 6 intelligence facilities at Lourdes and Cien-
 7 fuegos,” and inserting “facilities,”;

8 (ii) in subsection (b)—

9 (I) in paragraph (4), by adding “and”
 10 after the semicolon;

11 (II) by striking paragraph (5); and

12 (III) by redesignating paragraph (6)
 13 as paragraph (5); and

14 (iii) by striking subsection (d).

15 (B) Section 498B(k) of the Foreign Assistance
 16 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2295b(k)) is amended by
 17 striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

18 (C) Section 1611 of title 28, United States
 19 Code, is amended by striking subsection (c).

20 (D) Sections 514 and 515 of the International
 21 Claims Settlement Act of 1949 (22 U.S.C. 1643l
 22 and 1643m) are repealed.

23 (f) TERMINATION OF DENIAL OF FOREIGN TAX
 24 CREDIT WITH RESPECT TO CUBA.—Subparagraph (B) of
 25 section 901(j)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986

1 (relating to denial of foreign tax credit, etc., with respect
 2 to certain foreign countries) is amended by adding at the
 3 end thereof the following new flush sentence:

4 “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, this subsection
 5 shall not apply to Cuba after the date which is 60 days
 6 after the date of the enactment of this sentence.”.

7 (g) SUGAR QUOTA PROHIBITION UNDER FOOD SE-
 8 CURITY ACT OF 1985.—Section 902(c) of the Food Secu-
 9 rity Act of 1985 is repealed.

10 (h) TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT EN-
 11 HANCEMENT ACT OF 2000.—The Trade Sanctions Re-
 12 form and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C.
 13 7201 and following) is amended—

14 (1) in section 906(a)(1)—

15 (A) by striking “Cuba,”; and

16 (B) by inserting “(other than Cuba)” after
 17 “to the government of a country”;

18 (2) in section 908—

19 (A) by striking subsection (b);

20 (B) in subsection (a)—

21 (i) by striking “PROHIBITION” and all
 22 that follows through “(1) IN GENERAL.—
 23 ” and inserting “IN GENERAL.—”;

24 (ii) by striking “for exports to Cuba
 25 or”;

1 (iii) by striking paragraph (2); and
2 (iv) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
3 subsection (b) (and conforming the margin
4 accordingly); and
5 (C) in subsection (b) (as redesignated), by
6 striking “paragraph (1)” and inserting “sub-
7 section (a)”;
8 (3) by striking section 909; and
9 (4) by striking section 910.

10 (i) REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSACTIONS OR
11 PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN UNITED STATES
12 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.—Section 211 of the Depart-
13 ment of Commerce and Related Agencies Appropriations
14 Act, 1999 (as contained in section 101(b) of division A
15 of Public Law 105–277; 112 Stat. 2681–88) is repealed.

16 **SEC. 3. TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND FACILI-**
17 **TIES.**

18 Any common carrier within the meaning of section
19 3 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 153)
20 is authorized to install, maintain, and repair telecommuni-
21 cations equipment and facilities in Cuba, and otherwise
22 provide telecommunications services between the United
23 States and Cuba. The authority of this section includes
24 the authority to upgrade facilities and equipment.

1 **SEC. 4. TRAVEL.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Travel to and from Cuba by indi-
 3 viduals who are citizens or residents of the United States,
 4 and any transactions ordinarily incident to such travel,
 5 may not be regulated or prohibited if such travel would
 6 be lawful in the United States.

7 (b) TRANSACTIONS INCIDENT TO TRAVEL.—Any
 8 transactions ordinarily incident to travel which may not
 9 be regulated or prohibited under subsection (a) include,
 10 but are not limited to—

11 (1) transactions ordinarily incident to travel or
 12 maintenance in Cuba; and

13 (2) normal banking transactions involving for-
 14 eign currency drafts, traveler's checks, or other ne-
 15 gotiable instruments incident to such travel.

16 **SEC. 5. DIRECT MAIL DELIVERY TO CUBA.**

17 The United States Postal Service shall take such ac-
 18 tions as are necessary to provide direct mail service to and
 19 from Cuba, including, in the absence of common carrier
 20 service between the 2 countries, the use of charter pro-
 21 viders.

22 **SEC. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

23 This Act, and the amendments made by this Act,
 24 shall take effect 60 days after the date of the enactment
 25 of this Act.