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Summary of the Bills Under Consideration Today:

Total Number of New Government Programs: 0

Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0

Effect on Revenue: unknown

Total Change in Mandatory Spending: \$0

Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0

Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0

Number of Bills Without Committee Reports: 1

Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0

**H.R. 1830 — To extend the authorities of the Andean Trade Preference Act
(Rangel, D-NY)**

Order of Business: The bill, as amended, is scheduled for consideration on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1830 would extend the Andean Trade Preference Act (19 U.S.C. 3206(a)) from June 30, 2007, to February 28, 2008, which provides for duty-free treatment of certain goods and services for Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia, and Peru, among other provisions.

Note: The introduced bill text available online is being amended, and final text was not available as of press time. The two-year, three-month extension in the introduced version is reportedly being replaced with an 8-month extension. There is reportedly also a revenue raising provision increasing customs user fees for a two-week period to pay for the bill.

The bill would also extend preferential treatment to certain apparel articles that are assembled in one or more of the beneficiary countries from regional fabrics or regional components.

Additional Information: The original Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA) was passed in 1991, and extended and expanded in 2002 (under the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act, ATPDEA; H.R. 3009 in the 107th Congress). [Click here](#) to read the 2001 RSC Legislative Bulletin.

Committee Action: H.R. 1830 was introduced on March 29, 2007, and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, which took no official action.

Administration Policy: No Statement of Administration Policy was available, but the Administration has been very supportive of trade pacts with foreign nations

Cost to Taxpayers: A revenue estimate for H.R. 1830 is unavailable.

Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?: No.

Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is unavailable.

House Rule XIII, Section 3(d)(1), requires that all committee reports contain “a statement citing the *specific* powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the law proposed by the bill or joint resolution.” *[emphasis added]*

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