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## THE WHITE HOUSE

## STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of all Americans, I would like to thank the United States S enate for approving the Foreign Trade Bill. The House has already passed the bill. We are especially grateful to the leaders of both parties. Thanks to their strong, bipartisan efforts, we are now in a position to launch a trade program that will strengthen our economy and further our efforts for peace. The Senate has demonstrated a willingness to set aside party differences when the interests of our Nation are at stake.

With this sort of continued compromise and cooperation between the Executive and Legislative branches of Government, I am more confident than ever that working together we will continue to develop comprehensive programs to meet all our Nation's needs.

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