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Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on November 6th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution would state a sense of Congress that the President, at the WTO round of negotiations to be held at Doha, Qatar, from November 9–13, 2001, and at any subsequent round of negotiations of the WTO, should:

- preserve the ability of the United States to enforce rigorously its trade laws, including the anti-dumping and countervailing duty laws, and avoid agreements which lessen the effectiveness of domestic and international disciplines on unfair trade, especially dumping and subsidies, in order to ensure that United States workers, agricultural producers, and firms can compete fully on fair terms and enjoy the benefits of reciprocal trade concessions; and
- ensure that United States exports are not subject to the abusive use of trade laws, including antidumping and countervailing duty laws, by other countries.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution would not authorize any expenditure.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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

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