

Subject: Farmers Push for China Trade

Story summary: Farmers and allies in Congress are making a final push for expanded trade with China. Permanent normal trading relations, PNTR, would be a major boost for U.S. agriculture. What's expected to be a close vote has PNTR supporters in high gear.

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Suggested lead: Proponents of China are fighting hard in the last days before a House vote to tilt the outcome in their favor. Bob Ellison reports.

Suggested supers:

Bob Stallman
President, American Farm Bureau
@ :07

Phil Nelson
Illinois Farmer
@ :13

Dan Glickman
U.S. Agriculture Secretary
@ :28

U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert
(R-Illinois)
@ :39

Rep. Tom Delay
(R-Texas)
@ :52

Bob Ellison reporting
@ 1:13

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Farmers walking down hall	VO/ PRO-TRADE GROUPS ARE LOBBYING CONGRESS TO PASS PERMANENT NORMAL TRADE RELATIONS WITH CHINA. FARMERS ESPECIALLY WANT THE NEW MARKET.
Bob Stallman AFBF Lawmakers listening	SOT/ IT'S A VOTE FOR CONTINUING OUR ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND HOPEFULLY HAVING THAT EXPANSION FLOW INTO THE U-S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.
Phil Nelson Illinois Farm Bureau Phalanx of cameras	SOT/ FREE TRADE, FAIR TRADE, MORE TRADE. THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO PRESENT TODAY ON CAPITOL HILL. WE URGE CONGRESS TO SUPPORT A YES VOTE ON P-N-T-R.
Tilt up from button	VO/ PNTR BACKERS SAY CHINA'S CHANGING ECONOMY WILL INCREASE ITS DEMAND FOR FOOD.
Dan Glickman USDA Secretary Rep. Chenoweth listening Rep. Moran listening	SOT/ WILL WE IN AMERICA HAVE ACCESS TO THAT MARKET OR WILL IT GO SOMEPLACE ELSE? BECAUSE THEY WILL GO OUT AND BUY THE STUFF. THEY WILL BUY IT SOMEWHERE. THEY'RE GOING TO NEED IT DESPERATELY.
Dennis Hastert House Speaker	SOT/ WHETHER IT'S WHEAT FROM NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA OR CORN FROM ILLINOIS, AMERICAN PRODUCTS AND AMERICAN FARMERS WILL BENEFIT FROM TRADE WITH CHINA.
Rep. Bonior speaking Cameras	VO/ P-N-T-R OPPONENTS SAY THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT CHINESE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND LOSING AMERICAN JOBS.
Administration witnesses Hearing room	VO/ BUT P-N-T-R BACKERS SAY MORE TRADE WILL BRING POSITIVE

	CHANGE.
Glickman People listening Guy listening	SOT/ THE QUESTION IS DO WE GO INTO THIS RELATIONSHIP IN THE NEW WORLD WITH A CLENCHED FIST OR AN OPEN HAND AND WHICH WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN INFLUENCING THAT COUNTRY TO IMPROVE THE WAY IT TREATS ITS PEOPLE
Rep.Tom Delay Lawmakers listening	SOT/ P-N-T-R WILL PUT THE CHINESE PEOPLE ON A PATH TO FREEDOM. WE CAN DO THAT BY EXPANDING TRADE AND EXPOSING CHINA TO AMERICAN VALUES AND IDEALS.
Ws-presser Ms-Stallman Cutaway-lobbyists Rear ws-presser	VO/ LOBBYING CONGRESS ON P-N-T-R FOR CHINA PROMISES TO CONTINUE RIGHT UP UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE. NEITHER SIDE ADMITS TO HAVING ENOUGH VOTES TO EITHER PASS OR DEFEAT THE MEASURE. IN WASHINGTON, I'M BOB ELLISON REPORTING.