

Subject: Trade Promotion Authority good for foreign relations

Story Summary: As Congress struggles to get back to business after September 11, and the anthrax attacks, lawmakers are also struggling to determine which issues should take priority. Supporters of Trade Promotion Authority say that issue is one that could improve foreign relations as well as the U.S. economy.

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Suggested Lead: Congress is dealing with more than threats of terrorism. It's also working to help the economy. Some say passage of Trade Promotion Authority is a good place to start. Johnna Miller has the story.

Suggested Supers:

Bruce Knight
National Corn Growers Association
@ :14

Chuck Lambert
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
@ :22

Ann Veneman
Secretary of Agriculture
@ 1:23

Johnna Miller
Reporting
@ 1:34

**TPA Good Foreign Relations
Johnna Miller Reporting
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U.S. House floor	CONGRESS IS DOING ITS BEST TO GET BACK TO BUSINESS. AMIDST ALL THE DEBATE, SUPPORTERS OF TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY INSIST THIS ECONOMIC MEASURE SHOULD BE A PRIORITY ISSUE, ALONG WITH ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLANS AND ANTITERRORISM PROVISIONS.
Bruce Knight National Corn Growers Association	IT'S VERY FUNDAMENTAL. PEOPLE WHO ARE TRADING TOGETHER AREN'T FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND THAT'S A VITAL THING TO KEEP IN MIND AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH TPA.
Chuck Lambert National Cattlemen's Beef Association	WE'VE DEFINITELY PROVEN THAT AS TRADE IMPROVES, AS THE QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVES, WE'RE MUCH MORE APT TO TRADE COMMODITIES THAN WE ARE BULLETS AND SO IMPROVING TRADE, IMPROVING THE WELL-BEING OF OUR TRADING PARTNERS IS VERY IMPORTANT AND IT'S MORE IMPORTANT EVEN AFTER SEPTEMBER 11.

<p>Port video wide loading and wide of port</p> <p>tilt from conveyor into ship hull and people loading/</p> <p>ship in port/</p> <p>conveyor/</p> <p>craneload of sugar</p> <p>farmer combining wheat</p> <p>interior port</p> <p>Ann Veneman greeting AFBF president</p>	<p>TRADE PROMOTION AUTHORITY – OR TPA – LETS THE PRESIDENT NEGOTIATE TRADE AGREEMENTS, WHICH CONGRESS CAN THEN APPROVE OR REJECT. EVERY PRESIDENT SINCE FORD HAD THAT POWER UNTIL THE LAW EXPIRED IN 1994. RENEWING IT HAS BECOME A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE AS SOME ARGUE THAT THE U.S. SHOULD ESTABLISH LABOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS FOR OUR TRADING PARTNERS WITHIN TRADE AGREEMENTS. FARMERS, ALONG WITH OTHER TPA SUPPORTERS, SAY THE U.S. DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO FORCE STANDARDS ON OTHER COUNTRIES AND THAT THE PROSPERITY OF INCREASED TRADE WILL ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES TO MAKE THOSE IMPROVEMENTS OF THEIR OWN ACCORD. IN THE MEANTIME, AGRICULTURE SECRETARY ANN VENEMAN IS REMINDING CONGRESS THAT FARMERS RELY GREATLY ON EXPORT GROWTH.</p>
<p>Ann Veneman Secretary of Agriculture</p>	<p>IF WE'RE NOT A LEADER, IF WE'RE NOT A PLAYER IN THE GLOBAL TRADING SYSTEM, I THINK THAT OUR PRODUCERS HERE AND OUR FARMERS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND.</p>
<p>Farmer getting in tractor cab</p> <p>guys working at port</p>	<p>THAT WOULD HURT MORE THAN JUST FARMERS, SINCE AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS FILL ABOUT 750,000 U.S. JOBS.</p>
<p>Lambert soundbite</p>	<p>WE'VE SEEN THE U.S. POPULATION BEGIN TO MATURE AND NOT TO GROW, THE LARGE GROWTH IN THE EXPORT MARKET WILL BE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO PRODUCERS.</p>

<p>people walking on a city street</p> <p>U.S. Capitol</p> <p>Johnna Miller Reporting</p>	<p>And that means important to anyone interested in a strong U.S. economy. From Washington, I'm Johnna Miller.</p>
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