

prenegotiation requirements of chapter 3 of title II of the TEA and the staging requirement of section 253 of the TEA.

*Section 202. General agreement on tariffs and trade*

This section amends the TEA by adding a new section 244. This new section authorizes annual appropriations to finance each year's U.S. contribution to the budget of the GATT. This contribution is presently financed from the appropriation made to the Department of State and entitled "International Conferences and Contingencies."

TITLE III—ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TO FIRMS AND WORKERS

*Section 301. Petitions and determinations*

In general, section 301 amends section 301 of the TEA in two respects. First, it liberalizes the criteria of eligibility of individual firms and workers to apply for adjustment assistance. Among other changes, injury will be related to increased imports whether or not a trade agreement concession was involved. Second, it provides that, instead of the Tariff Commission, the President will make the substantive determinations of eligibility. The Tariff Commission's function will be to gather and supply to the President the relevant facts to assist him in making such determinations.

Subsection (a) amends section 301 of the TEA to change the title of the section from "Tariff Commission Investigations and Reports" to "Petitions and Determinations," consistent with the subsequent amendments to section 301.

Subsection (b) amends section 301(a)(2) of the TEA by substituting "President" for "Tariff Commission" in the two places it appears. Accordingly, petitions for a determination of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance which are filed by a firm or a group of workers are to be filed with the President. It is expected that the President will delegate this function and his other functions under this section. In the case of a group of workers, it is intended that a group of three or more workers in a firm may qualify as a petitioner.

Subsection (c) amends section 301(a)(3) of the TEA so as to provide that the Tariff Commission shall transmit to the Secretary of Commerce copies only of petitions for tariff adjustment, since the Tariff Commission will no longer be receiving petitions for adjustment assistance.

Subsection (d) amends section 301(c) of the TEA so as to provide new criteria of eligibility of firms and workers to apply for adjustment assistance and to substitute the President for the Tariff Commission for the purpose of determining whether the criteria are satisfied.

Under the amendment, new section 301(c)(1) of the TEA provides that in the case of a petition by a firm for a determination of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance under chapter 2 of title III of the TEA, the President shall determine whether increased quantities of imports of an article directly competitive with an article produced by the firm have been a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to such firm.

Similarly, new section 301(c)(2) of the TEA provides that in the case of a petition by a group of workers for a determination of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance under chapter 3 of title III