

FAST TRACK UPDATE: 11/16

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**Let your Representative hear you loud & clear:
NO FAST TRACK/NO H.R. 3005!**

The corporate lobby (Business Round Table et al), the GOP leadership, the corporate media, editorial writers and now the White House have all agreed: Fast Track (H.R. 3005) is on their short list of votes they want to push through before Congress adjourns. After having promised a vote on Fast Track "next week" for the last 24 weeks or so (which goes to show how incredibly effective we have been in stopping their momentum), they have now scheduled a vote for December 6th - immediately before adjournment. The WTO Ministerial ended in Doha on November 16th, and once again the WTO demonstrated how they operate in an undemocratic manner and with their legitimacy quickly eroding. The U.S. did agree to open negotiations on anti-dumping and agriculture, two highly controversial issues that is strongly opposed by many Congressional Representatives. We need to stress to our Members that while the US gave away the store on these key issues, they did not even try to push for stronger labor or environmental rights.

Time is running out for them and they know it. They are more eager than ever to win this vote, but if we stay strong & determined we will stop Fast Track as we did in 1997 & 1998

How do we keep our Fast Track victory?

In order to counteract the intensified lobbying efforts of the corporate elite, we MUST continue to intensify our efforts too. Call these key GEORGIA undecided representatives and hold them accountable to what matters most: their constituents!

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Talking Points (for more information on Fast Track visit www.tradewatch.org):

* This is not the time to bring up such a controversial issue. Few issues are more divisive than Fast Track at a time when we need the unity and bipartisanship that was created after September 11th. There are many urgent things that MUST BE done for the millions who are suddenly without a job, in order to safeguard us from future attacks.

* The Thomas bill (H.R. 3005) is a slap in the face - it is the same old anti-labor, anti-environmental garbage that was in the 1997 and 1998 Fast Track with some new rhetoric. It does not address the issues of labor and environment in any meaningful way, nor does it beef up Congress' role in trade to hold negotiators accountable and stop these NAFTA-type deals.

* H.R. 3005 allows foreign corporations to challenge domestic environmental, zoning and other laws. Under NAFTA there have been lawsuits by foreign corporations challenging a whole array of democratically determined local policies, and Thomas' bill does nothing to address this. (For more information go to <http://www.citizen.org/publications/release.cfm?ID=7076>).

TELL US WHAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM YOUR MEMBER!

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Please let us as well know what you hear from your Congressional Representatives.