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Record United States trade deficits, $148 billion in 1985 and $170 billion in 1986, have focused national attention on trade policy and competitiveness. The United States is the world's largest trading nation, and millions of American jobs are export related. The economic health of the United States and other major countries is dependent on trade and the maintenance of an open and fair trading system.

In February 1987, President Reagan proposed comprehensive legislation to improve U.S. competitiveness. This legislative proposal would: renew authority for negotiating agreements to remove trade barriers; reduce self-imposed export barriers; improve existing U.S. trade remedy laws; overhaul programs to benefit workers affected by imports; and amend a number of U.S. regulations and laws to promote international competition.

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