
U.S. Representative

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Spratt Backs “Made in America” Act

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. John Spratt (D-SC) this week joined a majority of his House colleagues in passing a bill to promote products made in America.

“American-made products are second to none,” said Spratt, “but often it is difficult for buyers, including the government, to determine exactly where a product was made. This bill will help to eliminate that uncertainty and give American-made products a boost.”

Spratt said the legislation would allow American-made products with a retail value of \$250 or more to be registered with the Department of Commerce. It would also establish a toll-free hotline to help potential buyers determine whether products are American-made. Manufacturers who knowingly register a product that is not American-made would be subject to civil penalties (of up to \$7,500), and the product in question could not be purchased by any unit of the federal government.

Spratt is a strong and long-time supporter of American-made goods. He has chaired the Congressional Textile Caucus and drafted legislation to restrict foreign textiles. As co-chair of the Congressional Bearing Caucus, he authored a federal rule requiring the Pentagon to buy only American-made bearings. In addition, he has helped a number of businesses in South Carolina compete for and win contracts from the federal government.

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