

# **U.S. legislators introduce trade bill to review current agreements**

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WASHINGTON — U.S. legislators have introduced a trade reform bill that requires reviews of existing agreements like the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The bill is backed by a bi-partisan trade working group in the House of Representatives that helped kill a proposed pact with Colombia earlier this year.

It would require renegotiating current trade deals based on the reviews.

Maine Representative Mike Michaud says he recently organized talks about trade and globalization between legislators and the campaigns of Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

NAFTA became a major issue in the Democratic race when both candidates said they would threaten to kill the deal if it isn't renegotiated to include protections for workers and the environment.

Obama's bid for the nomination was hit with accusations that he wasn't serious about renegotiations. A Canadian consulate memo surfaced on talks with his top economic adviser suggesting it was campaign rhetoric.