

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM TARIFF COMMISSION
CONCERNING DUTIES ON IMPORTS

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Mr. BREWSTER, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 341]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 341) calling on the United States Tariff Commission for information concerning certain products and the ratio of imports in relation thereto, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the resolution, as amended, do pass.

The purpose of this resolution is to request the United States Tariff Commission, pursuant to section 332 of the Tariff Act of 1930, to make an examination, and to furnish the Senate certain information with respect to items, the imports of which in 1939 were valued at in excess of \$100,000.

The information to be furnished would consist of statistics on the quantity and value of imports for the year 1939, the quantity and value of United States production, consumption, and exports of like, similar, or competitive articles for the same period, the ratio of imports to domestic consumption, and the number of persons engaged in the production of such articles.

The Commission would also be requested to show in its report the effects of changes brought about by the war upon the quantity and value of imports, and upon the production, the number of persons engaged in production, the consumption, and the exports of like, similar, or competitive articles (a) on the basis of duties in effect on July 1, 1939, (b) on the basis of a 50 percent reduction in such duties, and (c) on the basis of a 50-percent increase in such duties.

The committee amendments would include free as well as dutiable articles among those to be covered by the report, would extend until February 28, 1945, the date for submission of such report, and would make certain other clarifying changes, as recommended by the Tariff Commission.