

PRODUCTION OF SUGARS AND SIRUPS IN ALCOHOL PLANTS

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

REPORT

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The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. J. Res. 5) extending for 7 months the period of time during which alcohol plants are permitted to produce sugars or sirups simultaneously with the production of alcohol, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment to the title and recommend that the joint resolution, as amended, do pass.

By the joint resolution approved November 5, 1945 (Public Law 210, 79th Cong.), the Congress authorized the production of sugars and sirups from potatoes and from high moisture or damaged grain in industrial-alcohol plants simultaneously with, or alternately with, the production of alcohol. The purpose of that legislation was to permit the use of a large surplus of potatoes and a large quantity of "wet" corn in the production of much needed sugars and sirups. Upon the cessation of hostilities in 1945 the Government owned a large stock pile of industrial alcohol and it was no longer necessary to operate alcohol plants at full production for the purpose of producing additional industrial alcohol. There was, however, great need for additional quantities of sugars and sirups. Under the law which was then in effect plants producing alcohol were prohibited from engaging in any other business or producing any other commodities. Therefore, in order to use alcohol plants for the production of sugars and sirups from surplus and damaged agricultural commodities, it was necessary to enact legislation specifically authorizing such production. The legislation enacted authorized that production until July 1, 1946.

By Public Law 437, approved June 24, 1946, the period within which production of sugars and sirups in these plants might be carried on was extended until February 1, 1947.

The committee feels that this authority should be extended for a further period of 15 months. The great need for additional quantities

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of sugars and sirups is well known, and every effort should be made to augment supplies of these materials

The committee has been advised that in the light of the continued need the Department of Agriculture favors the enactment of the proposed legislation and that the Treasury Department interposes no objection to its enactment.

