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FREE ENTRY OF STANDARD NEWSPRINT PAPER

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 5553]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5553) to amend paragraph 1772 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

This bill extends for another year the time during which rolls of newsprint 9 to 15 inches in width shall be admitted duty-free as standard newsprint paper. House Joint Resolution 238, which was enacted in the last session of this Congress, provided for the duty-free entry of this paper until July 1, 1948. Shortage of the wider rolls of newsprint paper has impelled newspapers to use the 9-inch rolls, and no relief from this shortage can be expected for at least another year.

The report of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives is as follows:

GENERAL STATEMENT

This bill extends for 1 year beyond June 30, 1948, the period within which standard newsprint paper in 9-inch widths shall be accorded free entry under the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

House Joint Resolution 238, Eightieth Congress, first session (Public Law 315), provided a permanent free-entry status for such paper in 15-inch widths and a temporary free-entry status for standard newsprint paper in widths of less than 15 inches but not less than 9 inches. The acute shortage of such paper which impelled the Congress to accord temporarily a free-entry status to this paper in widths between 9 and 15 inches, still exists and will undoubtedly continue for at least a year and probably longer. The supply is as limited as a year ago and in some areas is felt even more keenly. There is little or no prospect that the supply will be sufficient to meet the demand for another year.

Reports from Government agencies confirm this fact. No objection to the principles of the bill has been received.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, made by the bill as introduced, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

"TARIFF ACT OF 1930 AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 315, EIGHTIETH CONGRESS

"Par. 1772. Standard newsprint paper. For the purposes of this paragraph (but only until **[July 1, 1948,]** *July 1, 1949*, in the case of paper in rolls of less than 15 inches in width) paper which is in rolls not less than 9 inches in width shall be deemed to be standard newsprint paper insofar as width of rolls is concerned."

