

CONTINUING UNTIL THE CLOSE OF JUNE 30, 1949, THE
PRESENT SUSPENSION OF IMPORT DUTIES ON SCRAP
IRON, SCRAP STEEL, AND NONFERROUS METAL SCRAP

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6242]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6242) to continue until the close of June 30, 1949, the present suspension of import duties on scrap iron, scrap steel, and nonferrous metal scrap, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

Import duties on these scrap metals have been suspended since 1942. This bill continues the suspension of duties for an additional year, from June 30, 1948, until June 30, 1949, because the shortage of scrap metal in this country continues to be acute.

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

GENERAL STATEMENT

The demand for iron, steel, aluminum, and other metals in the United States is perhaps even more acute than in 1947. The military program is being expanded while the production of civilian goods is at an all-time high. Large quantities of metal scrap, much of which came from the United States in the form of military equipment, is still to be found in a number of foreign countries. Domestic production of metal products is so large that extra amounts of scrap are needed to augment the supply of new metals.

The committee, recognizing the efforts of domestic industries to supply the demand, both civilian and military, believes it is essential that a free flow of scrap metals, especially iron, steel, and aluminum, is to the public interest. The temporary extension of the free importation of these materials is therefore deemed advisable, both from a standpoint of national security and for the satisfying of civilian demand.

Reports from the Government departments indicate that they have no objection to the passage of this bill, which would continue the free importation of scrap iron, scrap steel, and nonferrous-metal scrap until the close of June 30, 1949. The committee recommends unanimously that the bill do pass.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with paragraph 2a of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law 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):

"AN ACT To suspend the effectiveness during the existing national emergency of tariff duties on scrap iron, scrap steel, and nonferrous-metal scrap

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no duties or import taxes shall be levied, collected, or payable under the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, or under section 3425 of the Internal Revenue Code, with respect to scrap iron, scrap steel, as defined in paragraph 301 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (U. S. C., title 19, sec. 1001, par. 301), relaying and rerolling rails, or nonferrous-metal scrap entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption during the period beginning with the day following the date of enactment of this Act and ending with the close of **[June 30, 1948]** *June 30, 1949."*

