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PERMITTING FREE ENTRY OF ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION, INC., ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

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

## REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 384]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. J. Res. 384) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the International Industrial Exposition, Inc., Atlantic City, N. J., to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

This resolution provides for duty-free import of articles for exhibition or for use in constructing or maintaining foreign exhibits at the International Industrial Exposition to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., June 26 to September 11, 1948. The resolution follows the usual pattern of legislation designed to facilitate exhibition of articles at fairs of the kind. The duty-free privilege is limited; articles withdrawn for consumption are subject to duty under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

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

### GENERAL STATEMENT

This resolution follows a pattern instituted many years ago to provide for the free importation of articles to be used solely for exhibition purposes in organized expositions.

The International Industrial Exposition, Inc., is to be held at Atlantic City, N. J., from June 26 to September 11, 1948. This corporation, in the interests of greater international collaboration in the interchange of newly developed products, will assemble a number of industrial products made in the various countries of the world for the purpose of educating the American people concerning these items.

The resolution provides that the imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general laws except when such articles are withdrawn for

consumption. Articles sold within 3 months after the close of the exposition will be subject to such regulations for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

Government agencies have been consulted as to the principles involved in the proposed resolution, and very favorable reports have been received. The language of the resolution follows the plan approved earlier in resolutions providing for the free importations of goods to be used in other expositions or world fairs.

The committee feel that the free importation of these goods is in the public interest and marks another step toward the attainment of maximum beneficial world trade, and urge that the resolution be adopted.

