

## TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF RACING VEHICLES AND CRAFT

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

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9248]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9248) to amend section 308 (5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The committee amendment is as follows:

SEC. 2 (a) Paragraph 1631 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended, is amended by inserting "book binding or cover" after "book,".

(b) The amendment made by this section shall be effective as to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the tenth day following the date of this Act and prior to September 1, 1956.

#### EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of the amendment is to allow a period for the renewal of bookbindings and the importation of book covers for foreign books by the institutions or for the purposes specified in paragraph 1631 of the Tariff Act. That paragraph is as follows:

Par. 1631. Any society or institution incorporated or established solely for religious, philosophical, educational, scientific, or literary purposes, or for the encouragement of the fine arts, or any college, academy, school, or seminary of learning in the United States, or any State or public library, may import free of duty any book, map, music, engraving, photograph, etching, lithographic print, or chart, for its own use or for the encouragement of the fine arts, and not for sale, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

The amendment would limit the free importation of bindings or covers to those in the above category and it is not expected that any domestic bookbinding or book-cover industry would be effected. On the other hand it would promote the cooperation of religious,

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educational, and scientific institutions of the United States with those of foreign lands.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H. R. 9248 is to promote the participation by residents of foreign countries in regattas, races, contests, or similar shows held in the United States. It would provide for the importation for a period not exceeding 90 days, of vehicles or craft without payment of duty or the filing of a bond for participation in specified shows or contests where money prizes are not awarded.

### GENERAL STATEMENT

Section 308 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, prescribes conditions under which certain articles may be imported without payment of duty if those articles are bonded and are not to remain permanently in the United States. This bill would defer for a period not to exceed 90 days, the payment of duty or filing of a bond under conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

It has been found that the filing of bonds in every case where participation by a foreign resident in regattas or shows in the United States is desired have limited to a considerable extent the number of those who would cross the border for such a purpose. The filing of a bond is troublesome to the foreign resident and to our own Customs Bureau, especially in cases where shows or contests are being held in border lakes, streams, or cities and large numbers can and desire to participate.

A provision whereby bond might be deferred until after a specific show or contest has been held would undoubtedly increase international amity and friendship by encouraging more participation in events in the United States by residents of foreign countries.

No loss of revenue is likely to be involved, and the bill provides for the forfeiture of such imported articles if bond has not been filed within the 90-day period or if duty has not been paid on those which have not been exported within the time allowed.

Congress has been asked on specific occasions for legislation permitting foreign residents to participate in specifically named contests or shows without bond or payment of duty on the vehicle or craft to be used. The adoption of this bill would provide, on a safe and equitable basis, for permanent legislation of that type and remove the possibility of continued requests for special legislation for each regatta, race, contest or show.

H. R. 9248 passed the House unanimously and has not been objected to by any individual or company. The committee urges that the bill be adopted.

### CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In accordance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill 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):

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learning in the United States, or any State or public library, may import free of duty any book, *book binding or cover*, map, music, engraving, photograph, etching, lithographic print, or chart, for its own use or for the encouragement of the fine arts, and not for sale, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

(b) *The amendment made by this section shall be effective as to articles entered for consumption or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after the tenth day following the date of enactment of this Act and prior to September 1, 1966.*

SECTION 308 (5) OF THE TARIFF ACT OF 1930

**SEC. 308. TEMPORARY FREE IMPORTATION UNDER BOND FOR EXPORTATION**

The following articles, when not imported for sale or for sale on approval, may be admitted into the United States under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, without the payment of duty, under bond for their exportation within one year from the date of importation, which period, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, may be extended, upon application, for one or more further periods which, when added to the initial one year, shall not exceed a total of three years:

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(5) Automobiles, motorcycles, bicycles, airplanes, airships, balloons, boats, racing shells, and similar vehicles and craft, and the usual equipment of the foregoing; [all the foregoing which are brought temporarily into the United States by nonresidents for the purpose of taking part in races or other specific contests] and in case of all of the foregoing the collectors of customs may, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, defer the exaction of a bond for not to exceed ninety days with respect to such items which are brought temporarily into the United States by nonresidents for the purpose of taking part in races or other specific contests for other than a money purse, but unless such vehicle or craft is exported or the bond is given within the period of such deferment, it shall be subject to forfeiture.

