

ADMITTING, WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TARIFF, ARTICLES IMPORTED FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION AT THE INTERNATIONAL THEATRE EQUIPMENT TRADE SHOW, NEW YORK, N. Y.

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8942]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8942) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the International Theatre Equipment Trade Show, New York, N. Y., 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.

By virtue of this act, the Committee on Finance accepts the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, which is as follows:

PURPOSE

The purpose of H. R. 8942 is to permit the entry, free of duty, of articles imported for exhibition at the International Theatre Equipment Trade Show to be held at New York, N. Y.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Your committee's bill follows the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States.

It has long been the policy of Congress to facilitate participation of foreign countries in international expositions held in the United States by permitting articles intended for display at these expositions to be entered free of import duties and charges under safeguarding regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury has informed your committee that it anticipates no unusual administrative difficulties if your committee's bill is enacted.

Your committee has been informed that this International Theatre Equipment Trade Show is to be held at New York, N. Y., from September 19, to 25, 1956, inclusive, under the auspices of the Theatre Equipment and Supply Manufacturers Association, Inc.

H. R. 8942 provides that the imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general tariff laws except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States. Articles so admitted may be lawfully sold at any time during or within 3 months after the close of the exposition, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

The Departments of State and Treasury favorably reported to your committee on H. R. 8942. Your committee is unanimous in urging the enactment of this legislation.

