

CUSTOMS SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 1956

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Mr. COOPER, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6040]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6040) to amend certain administrative provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 and to repeal obsolete provisions of the customs laws, having met after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 13.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 6040) to amend certain administrative provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 and to repeal obsolete provisions of the customs laws, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Amendment No. 1: This amendment corrects a date in the short title and omits language with respect to the effective date which is covered in Amendment No. 12. The House recedes.

Amendments Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 12: These amendments deal with the valuation procedure and except for amendment No. 10 are technical or conforming amendments. The House bill provided that the new valuation procedures, based primarily on export value, would become effective on and after the thirtieth day following the date of enactment with respect to all imported articles subject to ad valorem rates of duty. The Senate amendments limit the application of the new provisions as follows: The Secretary of the Treasury would make public a preliminary list of the imported articles which he shall have determined, after such investigation as he deems necessary, would have been appraised under the new formula at average values which are 95 (or less) percent of the average values at which such articles were actually appraised during the fiscal year 1954. Domestic interests would then have 60 days in which to present to the Secretary reasons for belief that other articles should be added to the list. If their claims should be substantiated after investigation by the Secretary, he would add such articles to the list. The Secretary would then publish a final list and the articles specified on the list would be appraised on the current Tariff Act formula, based primarily on foreign or export value, whichever is higher. In other words, if under the new formula the value for customs purposes (not the tariff duty) would be reduced by 5 percent or more, appraisal would continue to be made as at present. The final list is required to be transmitted promptly, with explanatory data, to the chairmen of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House and the Committee on Finance of the Senate. The House recedes.

Amendments Nos. 7, 8, and 9: The House bill provided that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Antidumping Act, provided for in section 5, should be made within 1 year after the effective date of the act. These amendments provide that the report shall be made within 6 months after the date of enactment. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 11: This amendment provides that the State of New Mexico shall hereafter constitute a separate customs collection district with headquarters either in Deming or Columbus, N. Mex., and such additional ports of entry as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem necessary. The House recedes.

Amendment No. 13: This amendment strikes out the proviso in paragraph 219 of the Tariff Act of 1930 which provides that cylinder, crown, and sheet glass, imported in boxes, must be packed in units containing 50 square feet or multiples thereof, as nearly as sizes will permit, and that the duty shall be computed thereon according to actual weight of glass. The Senate recedes.

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