

WASHINGTON STATE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 126]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 126) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the Washington State Sixth International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of House Joint Resolution 126 is to permit the entry, free of duty, of articles imported for exhibition at the Washington State Sixth International Trade Fair to be held at Seattle, Wash.

GENERAL STATEMENT

This joint resolution follows the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States, including that of Public Law 462, 84th Congress, which provided for the entry, free of duty, of articles for the purpose of exhibition at the Washington State Fifth International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash.

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 Washington State Sixth International Trade Fair is to be held at Seattle, Wash., from May 17, 1957, to May 26, 1957, inclusive, by the International Trade Fair, Inc. This corporation, in the interest of greater international collaboration in the interchange of newly

developed products, will assemble a number of products from the Far East for the purpose of educating the American people concerning these items.

The joint resolution 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imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general tariff laws except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States.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 trade fair, 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.

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