

SUGAR

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 13062]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 13062) to amend the Sugar Act of 1948, as amended, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

STATEMENT

The bill H.R. 12311 which became law on July 6, 1960, extended the Sugar Act until March 31, 1961, and delegated authority to the President to limit purchases of sugar from Cuba. The present bill, H.R. 13062, is an extension of the principles of that act with certain new authorizations and limitations until the close of December 31, 1961.

The House bill was amended by the Finance Committee by deleting a phrase that would have resulted in allocating to the Dominican Republic large additional amounts of sugar when such did not seem to be the intention of the House-passed bill. This was, therefore, in the nature of a technical amendment. A further amendment provided that no purchases for 1960 may be discontinued or deferred and authorization for such purchases shall be made in time to permit shipment of the entire amount to be received in the United States prior to March 31, 1961. The House bill would have required that the entire amount be received prior to December 31, 1960.

The bill was also amended to add the authorization to the President to purchase supplies of sugar from domestic as well as from foreign sources. The House bill would have required the President to purchase additional sugar supplies needed because of the reduction in the Cuban quota entirely from foreign sources. The Finance Committee sought to avoid this discrimination against domestic suppliers and amended the bill widening the President's discretion.

The Finance Committee also added to the bill a caveat as follows:

And provided further, That nothing in this Act shall be construed as a waiver of the power of Congress at any time to allocate, adjust, or readjust the sugar quotas in such manner as Congress may prescribe.

The committee agreed that the failure to extend the act beyond March 31, 1961, would leave problems of a serious nature, not only as to the obtaining of adequate supplies of sugar but as to the effect of the President's authority for a period covering only part of a planting and growing season.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In the opinion of the committee, it is necessary, in order to expedite the business of the Senate, to dispense with the requirements of subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate (relating to the showing of changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported).

