

**SHADOMASTER MEASURING PROJECTOR FOR
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Mr. LONG of Louisiana, from the Committee on Finance, submitted
the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 9351]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 9351) to provide for the free entry of one Shadomaster measuring projector for the use of the University of South Dakota, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 9351 is to allow the University of South Dakota to import free of duty a scientific instrument for its own use.

GENERAL STATEMENT

H.R. 9351 as reported would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty one Shadomaster measuring projector (and its accompanying parts and equipment) for the use of the University of South Dakota, and provides for the reliquidation of the customs entry and appropriate refund of duty in the event that the liquidation of the entry has become final and duty paid.

The machine for which free entry is provided for by the bill is to be used by the Department of Geology of the University of South Dakota to project and to measure thin sections of rocks and minerals.

Your committee is advised that no comparable machine made in the United States is available. The Department of Commerce has stated with respect to this bill:

The term "Shadomaster" is a trademark for an optical measuring projector made by Watson, Manasty & Co., Ltd.,

Middlesex, England. This type of projector is used in meteorological work where precise, consistent, and fine measurements are required. A comparison of the specifications of the Shadomaster with the specifications of similar instruments manufactured in the United States indicates that the domestic products are not of equivalent scientific value. Both the foreign and domestic instruments provide the same degree of linear accuracy. However, the scope of the Shadomaster is much greater, in terms of making angular readings, measuring diameters, and magnification than the domestic products. These characteristics are considered significant in the use of such instruments.

After careful consideration, the Department is of the opinion that at the time the University of South Dakota determined its requirements and specifications for an optical measuring projector, no instrument of equivalent scientific value was available from domestic producers of this instrument.

In the circumstances the Committee on Finance, like the Committee on Ways and Means of the House, is of the opinion that this legislation is meritorious and consistent with prior legislation of this nature, and recommend its enactment.

