

## CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON HEPTANOIC ACID

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

### REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 10998]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 10998) to continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on heptanoic acid, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 10998 is to continue the existing suspension of the import duty on heptanoic acid for an additional temporary period, until the close of August 8, 1969.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

The duty on heptanoic acid was suspended by Public Law 86-795, approved September 15, 1960, for a period of 3 years, and for an additional period, through August 8, 1966, by Public Law 88-93, approved August 8, 1963. H.R. 10998 would amend item 907.30 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States to continue the existing suspension for an additional 3-year period, until the close of August 8, 1969.

Heptanoic acid is used principally in the making of special lubricants and brake fluids. At the present time there is no production of this acid in the United States, and domestic consumption is entirely dependent on imports. Heptanoic acid is used in the production of synthetic lubricants for the military and aerospace industry, and there appears to be no domestic production of it for commercial uses.

We agree with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House that continued suspension of the duty on this product is warranted.

