

SUSPENSION OF DUTIES ON CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS OF YARN OF SILK

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MR. MANSFIELD (for Mr. LONG), from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 1680]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1680) to extend until the close of November 7, 1973, the existing suspension of duties on certain classifications of yarn of silk, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 1680, as reported, is to continue for 2 years, until the close of November 7, 1973, the suspension of duties on certain classifications of spun silk yarn which is due to expire on November 7, 1971.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The duties on spun silk yarns have been suspended by various public laws since the original duty suspension was enacted by Public Law 86-235, approved on September 8, 1959. The suspension of the duties on spun silk yarns was last extended by Public Law 91-28 for a 3-year period from November 7, 1968, to November 7, 1971.

Spun silk yarns are of two principal types: Standard spun silk (schappe) yarn and silk noil (bourrette) yarn. Standard or schappe spun silk yarns for general textile use are manufactured from long parallelized silk fiber stock recovered from waste cocoons and silk filature waste and are used for making sewing thread, decorative stripings for fine worsteds, lacing cord for cartridge bags, and, in combination with other fibers, certain types of necktie fabrics, shirtings, dress, and suiting fabrics, upholstery, and drapery materials.

The silk noil type of yarn is made from shorter length, and hence cheaper, silk fiber stock than schappe and must be spun on wool-spin-

ing machinery. The material used consists of silk noils discarded as by-products in preparing silk waste for spinning in standard spun silk yarns.

The suspension of the duty was made in order to enable domestic producers of fine yarn fabrics to import fine silk yarns free of duty in order to make it more economical to produce fine yarn fabrics in competition with imported similar fabrics. The committee is advised that the same reasons which justified the original suspension of the duty justify the continuation of the suspension.

No objection to the continuation of the suspension of duty has been brought to the committee's attention.

EFFECT ON THE REVENUES OF THE BILL AND VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE IN REPORTING THE BILL

In compliance with section 252(a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970, the following statement is made relative to the effect on the revenues of this bill. The committee estimates that the extension of the existing suspension of duties on certain classifications of spun silk yarn provided by the bill will not result in any additional revenue loss or administrative costs.

In compliance with section 133 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 as amended, the following statement is made relative to the vote by the committee on reporting the bill. This bill was ordered favorably reported by the committee without objection. No rollcall vote was taken.

The committee is unanimous in recommending the enactment of this bill, as reported.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets; new matter is printed in italic; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman) :

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES Part 1.—Temporary Legislation

Item	Articles	Rates of duty		Effective period
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905.30	Yarns, wholly of noncontinuous silk fibers (provided for in part 1D, schedule 3): Singles, not bleached and not colored, measuring over 58,800 yards per pound (item 308.40).	Free	Free	On or before [11/7/71] 11/7/73
905.31	Plied, not bleached and not colored, measuring over 29,400 yards per pound (item 308.50 and item 308.51)-----	Free	Free	On or before [11/7/71] 11/7/73
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