
IMPORTATION OF ARTICLES FREE FROM DUTY FOR
EXHIBITION AT GREAT LAKES EXPOSITION

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H. J. Res. 547]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 547) providing for the importation of articles free from tariff or customs duty for the purpose of exhibition at Great Lakes Exposition to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning in June 1936, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

The purposes of the resolution are indicated by its title and by the attached excerpt from the report of the Committee on Ways and Means (H. Rept. No. 2585) of May 6, 1936. The amendment suggested by the Acting Secretary of the Treasury in the attached letter was recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means and agreed to in the House on May 8.

[Excerpt from H. Rept. No. 2585]

GENERAL STATEMENT

The proposed legislation follows the usual form of resolution, heretofore passed by Congress, to permit foreign exhibitors to import materials for exhibition purposes free of duty, and has the approval of the Treasury Department, as shown by the following letter:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, May 4, 1936.

Hon. ROBERT L. DOUGHTON,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report by the Treasury Department on the merits of H. J. Res. 547, a joint resolution "providing for the importation of articles free from tariff or customs duty for the purpose of exhibition at Great Lakes Exposition to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning in June 1936, and for other purposes."

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It is noted that line 19, page 2, of the resolution begins "the general laws." It is suggested that these words be amended so as to read, "the general tariff laws." If this amendment is adopted, H. J. Res. 547 will then conform to the bills enacted into law by the Seventy-third Congress as Public Resolution No. 26, and by the Seventy-fourth Congress as Public Resolution No. 12. Public Resolution No. 26 authorized the entry of articles without the payment of duty for exhibition at the second Chicago World's Fair, while Public Resolution No. 12 authorized the entry of articles without the payment of duty for exhibition at the California Pacific International Exposition, San Diego, Calif. This bill, if enacted into law, would present no administrative difficulties to the Treasury Department.

Very truly yours,

WAYNE C. TAYLOR,
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

