

AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT

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Mr. BROWN of Michigan, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

To accompany H. R. 9610]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9610) to amend the National Firearms Act, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment, and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

The National Firearms Act (act of June 26, 1934, 48 Stat. 1236, U. S. C., title 26, secs. 861-861 (q)) relates to machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, sawed-off rifles, and all firearms other than pistols and revolvers which may be concealed on the person, and silencers. It imposes a license tax on importers, manufacturers, and dealers in the types of firearms covered by the statute. It also imposes a tax of \$200 on the transfer of each such firearm and requires persons possessing such weapons to register them with the appropriate collector of internal revenue.

The purpose of this bill is to reduce the taxes on firearms that consist of two barrels through which only a single discharge can be made from either barrel without manual reloading. The weapon to which the legislation refers may be utilized either as a shotgun or as a rifle and has legitimate uses.

The bill as amended by the Committee on Finance has the approval of the Department of Justice.