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CALLING FOR REPORT FROM TARIFF COMMISSION CONCERNING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES

JANUARY 10 (calendar day, JANUARY 23), 1933.—Ordered to be printed

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

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 325]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 325) authorizing and directing the United States Tariff Commission, with the cooperation of the Departments of State, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, and other departments or independent establishments of the Government, to conduct an investigation, particularly by resort to available files and records, and to report thereon to the Senate assembled data (including tariff rates, foreign-trade statistics, production statistics, and other pertinent facts), successively, on or before February 1, 1933, February 15, 1933, and, finally March 1, 1933, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate with the following amendments and recommend that it do pass.

On page 2, Kne 3, after the year "1933" strike out all the language down to and including line 7.

On page 2, line 11, strike out the year "1920" and insert "1919".

On page 3, line 5, insert a comma after "1928" and strike out the word "and", also strike out all of line 6 to and including "1930", and strike out the word "the" at the end of line 6 and the words "calendar year" at the beginning of line 7.

On page 4, line 11, strike out the year "1919" and insert "1929".

The report of the chairman of the United States Tariff Commission is printed in full as follows:

UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION,
Washington, January 17, 1933.

Hon. REED SMOOT,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR SMOOT: I am in receipt of your letter of January 16, inclosing copy of Senate Resolution 325, introduced by Senator Costigan.

You ask the attitude of the commission on the advisability of the investigation called for. Upon that my associates share my feeling that we should not express

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an opinion upon the wisdom of any matter of national policy, but should instead carry out to the best of our ability the directions of the Senate, or of the Congress, or of the President, as the case may be.

You inquire in regard to the approximate cost of such an investigation and the time necessary to complete it. If this resolution is given precedence over the work we are now doing, as would necessarily be the case, were we to reach any substantial conclusions before March 1, no additional cost would be involved. As to the time required to carry out the program, we could undoubtedly submit substantial results by March 1, but with a longer period—say six months—could complete the study with more definite detail.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT L. O'BRIEN, *Chairman*

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