

CONTINUED SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON CERTAIN COPYING SHOE LATHES

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 12262]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 12262) to continue until the close of June 30, 1969, the existing suspension of duty on certain copying shoe lathes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 12262 is to amend item 911.70 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States to continue until the close of June 30, 1969, the existing suspension of duty on copying lathes used for making rough or finished shoe lasts from models of shoe lasts and capable of producing more than one size shoe from a single size model of a shoe last.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Public Law 1012 of the 84th Congress, approved August 6, 1956, transferred from the dutiable to the free list of the Tariff Act for a period of 2 years, by adding to paragraph 1643 of the Tariff Act of 1930 the following language:

Copying lathes used for making rough or finished shoe lasts from models of shoe lasts and, in addition, capable of producing more than one size shoe last from a single size model of a shoe last.

The suspension of duty has been in effect continuously since that time, 2-year extensions having been enacted on May 16, 1958 (Public

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Law 85-416), on June 30, 1960 (Public Law 86-562), and on August 24, 1962 (Public Law 87-607). Since August 31, 1963, the effective date of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, the suspension has been provided under item 911.70, the most recent extension of which has been effected by Public Law 88-336, approved June 30, 1964. The period of suspension provided thereunder is scheduled to expire as of the close of June 30, 1966, if not extended. H.R. 12262 would extend the period for another 3 years, to the close of June 30, 1969.

The suspension of duty was initially made and has been continued, as indicated above, in order to make available to domestic shoe last manufacturers highly specialized and expensive copying lathes which the committee is advised can only be obtained from foreign sources. There is no domestic production of these lathes and only five have been imported in the 2 years 1964 and 1965. It appears that the sole effect of permitting restoration of the 10-percent duty on this article would be to increase costs to domestic shoe manufacturers.

The Committee on Finance agrees with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House that extension of the suspension of duty as provided in H.R. 12262 will continue to benefit the shoe last manufacturing industry in the United States without detriment to any domestic interests.

No opposition to this legislation has been made known, and your committee has received favorable comment thereon from the interested Federal departments and agencies.

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 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 ACT OF 1930

APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

Item	Articles	Rates of duty		Effective period
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	PART I.--TEMPORARY LEGISLATION			
	SUBPART B.--TEMPORARY PROVISIONS AMENDING THE TARIFF SCHEDULES			
911.70	Copying lathes used for making rough or finished shoe lasts from models of shoe lasts and, in addition, capable of producing more than one size shoe last from a single size model of a shoe last (provided for in item 674.42, part 4F, schedule 6), and parts thereof provided for in items 674.50, 674.51, and 674.53.....	Free	Free	On or before [0/30/66] 6/30/69