

DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF ARTICLES FOR EXHIBITION AT 11TH ANNUAL INSTRUMENT-AUTOMATION (INTERNATIONAL) CONFERENCE AND EXHIBIT, NEW YORK, N. Y., AND THE AMERICAS' NEW FRONTIERS EXPOSITION, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

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

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 7678]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7678) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the 11th Annual Instrument-Automation Conference and Exhibit, New York, N. Y., to be admitted without payment of tariff duties, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

### AMENDMENTS

H. R. 7678 is amended to add a new section which would provide for the similar free entry of any article imported for the purpose of exhibition at the "Americas' New Frontiers Exposition" to be held in connection with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the admission of the State of Oklahoma into the Union, at Oklahoma City, Okla., from May 1, 1956, to January 1, 1958, inclusive.

The title is amended to read as follows:

An Act to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the Eleventh Annual Instrument-Automation (International) Conference and Exhibit, New York, New York, and the Americas' New Frontiers Exposition, to be held at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes.

The amendments carry the same safeguarding regulations, administered under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, as apply to the original bill.

## GENERAL STATEMENT

The bill H. R. 7678 and the amendments added to it by the Finance Committee follow the pattern of previous legislation enacted by Congress in connection with various other exhibitions, expositions, and trade fairs held in the United States. It has been the policy of Congress to promote the participation of foreign countries in the international expositions and trade fairs held in the United States and to facilitate the entry of articles intended for display at those exhibitions.

The bill would permit the free entry of articles imported for exhibition at the 11th Annual Instrument-Automation (International) Conference and Exhibit, to be held at New York, N. Y., in September of 1956. The amendment added to the bill would permit similar free entry of articles to be displayed at the Americas' New Frontiers Exposition to be held at Oklahoma City, Okla., during the latter half of 1956 and in 1957.

The free entry of goods for these purposes is safeguarded by regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury and any article exhibited is subject to payment of full duty if at any time it enters into the commerce of the United States.

The Department of Commerce has urged the passage of this and similar bills and the Department of the Treasury has indicated that no unusual administrative difficulties are anticipated.

The Finance Committee urges the enactment of H. R. 7678 with its accompanying amendments and has been notified that the Ways and Means Committee of the House will accept the amendments as attached to the bill.

