

## DUTY FREE ENTRY OF ARTICLES FOR EXHIBITION AT WASHINGTON STATE INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

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

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H. J. Res. 464]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 464) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the Washington State Fifth International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

By virtue of this act, the Committee on Finance accepts the report of the Committee on Ways and Means, which is as follows:

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of House Joint Resolution 464 is to permit the entry, free of duty, of articles imported for exhibition at the Washington State Fifth International Trade Fair to be held at Seattle, Wash.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

This joint resolution follows the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States. The language of your committee's bill parallels that of Public Law 485, 83d Congress, which provided for the entry, free of duty, of articles for the purpose of exhibition, at the Washington State Fourth International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., as well as other public laws relating to international fairs and expositions.

It has long been the policy of Congress to facilitate participation of foreign countries in international expositions held in the United States by permitting articles intended for display at these expositions to be entered free of import duties and charges under safeguarding regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury has informed your committee that it anticipates no unusual administrative difficulties if your committee's bill is enacted.

The Washington State Fifth International Trade Fair is to be held at Seattle, Wash., from May 4, 1956, to May 13, 1956, inclusive, by the International Trade Fair, Inc. This corporation, in the interest of greater international collaboration in the interchange of newly developed products, will assemble a number of products from the Far East for the purpose of educating the American people concerning these items.

The joint resolution provides that the imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general tariff laws except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption for use in the United States. Articles so admitted may be lawfully sold at any time during or within 3 months after the close of the trade fair, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

The Departments of State and Treasury favorably reported to your committee on House Joint Resolution 464.

