

## DUTY-FREE ENTRY OF CARILLON FOR NORTHFIELD AND MOUNT HERMON SCHOOLS

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

### R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 1566]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1566) to provide for the free entry of a four-octave carillon for the use of the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools, East Northfield, Mass., having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 1566 is to provide for the free entry of a four-octave carillon for the use of the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools, East Northfield, Mass.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT

H.R. 1566 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty a four-octave carillon for the use of the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools, East Northfield, Mass. The bill further provides that if liquidation of the entry has become final, such entry is to be reliquidated and appropriate refund of duty made.

It is the understanding of the Committee on Finance that the carillon being imported for the Northfield and Mount Hermon Schools is being cast in France, a portion of the bronze for the bells having been obtained from eight bells which were shipped from Northfield to France for recasting. In the absence of legislation, the carillon would be classified under the provisions of item 725.38 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States and dutiable at the rate of 6.5 percent ad valorem.

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The committee has been advised that there is no domestic production of carillon bells and that domestic firms contracting for installations of carillons are dependent on imports of tuned bells to be used in such installations. The Tariff Commission, in reporting to the committee on H.R. 1566, stated that the information available to it indicates that carillon bells are not produced in the United States.

In the circumstances, the Committee on Finance, like the Committee on Ways and Means of the House, is of the opinion that this legislation is meritorious and consistent with prior legislation of this nature, and recommends its enactment.

