

EMERGENCY TARIFF LEGISLATION.

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Mr. FORDNEY, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15275.]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 15275) imposing temporary duties upon certain agricultural products to meet present emergencies, to provide revenue, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 10, 23, and 24.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, and 21, and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert: *35*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 3:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment, insert a comma and the following: *except rice cleaned for use in the manufacture of canned foods, on which the rate of duty shall be 1 cent per pound*; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert a semicolon and the following: *olive, 40 cents per gallon in bulk, 50 cents per gallon in containers of less than five gallons; and the Senate agree to the same.*

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

19. Sugars, tank bottoms, sirups of cane juice, melada, concentrated melada, concrete and concentrated molasses, testing by the polariscope not above seventy-five degrees, one and sixteen one-hundredths of 1 cent per pound, and for every additional degree shown by the polariscopic test, four one-hundredths of 1 cent per pound additional, and fractions of a degree in proportion; molasses testing not above forty degrees, 24 per centum ad valorem; testing above forty degrees and not above fifty-six degrees, 3½ cents per gallon; testing above fifty-six degrees, 7 cents per gallon; sugar drainings and sugar sweepings shall be subject to duty as molasses or sugar, as the case may be, according to polariscopic test.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 18:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 18, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

20. Butter, and substitutes therefor, 6 cents per pound.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 22:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 22, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

24. Wrapper tobacco, and filler tobacco when mixed or packed with more than 16 per centum of wrapper tobacco, and all leaf tobacco the product of two or more countries or dependencies when mixed or packed together, if unstemmed, \$2.35 per pound; if stemmed, \$3 per pound; filler tobacco not specially provided for in this section, if unstemmed, 35 cents per pound; if stemmed, 50 cents per pound.

The term wrapper tobacco as used in this section means that quality of leaf tobacco which has the requisite color, texture, and burn, and is of sufficient size for cigar wrappers, and the term filler tobacco means all other leaf tobacco.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 25:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 25, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

25. Apples, 30 cents per bushel.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 26:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 26, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

26. Cherries in a raw state, preserved in brine or otherwise, 3 cents per pound.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 27:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 27, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed by the Senate amendment insert the following:

27. Olives, in solution, 25 cents per gallon; olives not in solution, 3 cents per pound.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 28:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 28, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *16 and 18*; and the Senate agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE.

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 15275) imposing temporary duties upon certain agricultural products to meet present emergencies, to provide revenue, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conference committee and submitted in the accompanying conference report as to each of the said amendments, namely:

No. 1: The House bill imposed a duty of 30 cents per bushel on wheat. The Senate amendment increases the rate to 40 cents and the House recedes with an amendment making the rate 35 cents per bushel.

No. 2: The House bill contained no duty on flaxseed. The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 80 cents per bushel of 56 pounds, and the House recedes.

No. 3: The Senate amendment proposes to except rice cleaned for use in the manufacture of canned foods from the duty of 2 cents per pound upon cleaned rice imposed by the House bill and the House recedes with an amendment making it clear that the rice excepted from the 2-cent rate shall pay 1 cent per pound as provided by existing law.

No. 4: The Senate amendment proposes to raise the duty on lemons from $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound, as provided in the House bill, to 2 cents per pound, and the House recedes.

No. 5: The Senate amendment proposes a duty on olive oil of 60 cents per gallon in bulk, and of 70 cents per gallon in containers of less than 5 gallons. The House bill contained no duty on olive oil. The House recedes with an amendment making the duty 40 cents per gallon in bulk and 50 cents per gallon in containers of less than 5 gallons.

Nos. 6 and 7: The House bill imposed a duty of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound on fresh mutton and lamb. The Senate amendment proposes in lieu a duty of 2 cents per pound on fresh or frozen beef, veal, mutton, lamb, and pork, and a duty of 25 per centum ad valorem on meats of all kinds, prepared or preserved, not specially provided for in the bill, and the House recedes.

No. 8: The Senate amendment proposes to admit free of duty cattle and sheep and other stock imported for breeding purposes, and the House recedes.

No. 9: This amendment is a change of paragraph number, and the House recedes.

No. 10: The House bill imposed a duty of 7 cents per pound on cotton having a staple of one and three-eighths inches or more in length. The Senate amendment proposes the same rate of duty on cotton having a staple of one and one-eighth inches or more in length, and the Senate recedes.

Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16: These amendments are changes in paragraph numbers and references to paragraph numbers, and the House recedes.

No. 17: The Senate amendment proposes to impose an additional duty on sugar and molasses equal to that imposed by existing law. The House bill contained no such provision and the House recodes with an amendment imposing a duty on sugar and molasses in substitution for the existing duty, lower than the duty proposed by the Senate amendment plus that imposed by existing law, but higher than the duty imposed by existing law.

The following table shows the rates of duty imposed upon sugar by the Senate amendment when added to those imposed by existing law, and the rates agreed to by the conferees in substitution for those imposed by existing law:

Sugar (degrees).	Proposed rates (per pound).	
	Combination of Senate amendment and existing law.	As agreed to in conference in substitution for existing law.
	Cents.	Cents.
76.....	1.42	1.16
76.....	1.472	1.20
77.....	1.524	1.24
78.....	1.576	1.28
79.....	1.628	1.32
80.....	1.68	1.36
81.....	1.732	1.40
82.....	1.784	1.44
83.....	1.836	1.48
84.....	1.888	1.52
85.....	1.94	1.56
86.....	1.992	1.60
87.....	2.044	1.64
88.....	2.096	1.68
89.....	2.148	1.72
90.....	2.20	1.76
91.....	2.252	1.80
92.....	2.304	1.84
93.....	2.356	1.88
94.....	2.408	1.92
95.....	2.46	1.96
96.....	2.512	2.00

The following table shows the rates of duty imposed upon molasses by the Senate amendment when added to those imposed by existing law and the rates agreed to by the conferees in substitution for those imposed by existing law:

Molasses.	Proposed rates.	
	Combination of Senate amendment and existing law.	As agreed to in conference in substitution for existing law.
Not above 40°.....	30 per cent.....	24 per cent.
Above 40° and not above 50°.....	43 cents per gallon.....	34 cents per gallon.
50° and above.....	9 cents per gallon.....	7 cents per gallon.

No. 18: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 8 cents per pound on butter and substitutes therefor. The House bill imposed no such duty, and the House recodes with an amendment making the rate of duty 6 cents per pound instead of 8 cents.

No. 19: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 23 per cent ad valorem on cheese and substitutes therefor. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recodes.

No. 20: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 2 cents per gallon on fresh milk and 5 cents per gallon on cream. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recedes.

No. 21: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 2 cents per pound on milk, preserved or condensed, or sterilized by heating or other processes, including the weight of the immediate covering, and a duty of 5 cents per pound on sugar of milk. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recedes.

No. 22: The Senate amendment proposes a duty on wrapper tobacco, and filler tobacco when mixed or packed with more than 15 per cent of wrapper tobacco, and all leaf tobacco the product of two or more countries when mixed or packed together, if unstemmed, \$2.85 per pound; if stemmed, \$3.50 per pound, and a duty on filler tobacco not specially provided for in the bill, if unstemmed, 35 cents per pound, if stemmed, 50 cents per pound. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recedes with an amendment reducing the Senate rate of \$2.85 per pound to \$2.35 per pound and the Senate rate of \$3.50 per pound to \$3 per pound.

No. 23: The Senate amendment proposes a rate of 15 per cent ad valorem on hides of cattle, raw or uncured, whether dry, salted, or pickled, with a proviso for a drawback on leather exported, made from imported hides. The House bill contained no such provision, and the Senate recedes.

No. 24: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 10 per cent ad valorem upon hides of the kind provided for in amendment No. 23 when advanced in any manner or by any process of manufacture, and manufactures of which such hides are a component material. The House bill contained no such provision, and the Senate recedes.

No. 25: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 30 cents per bushel on apples, with a proviso that if Canada at any time imposes a greater duty on apples from the United States, then the rate on all apples imported into this country shall be increased so as to make it the same as on apples imported into Canada from the United States. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recedes with an amendment striking out the proviso and changing the paragraph number.

No. 26: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 4 cents per pound on cherries in a raw state, preserved in brine, or otherwise. The House bill contained no such provision, and the House recedes with an amendment making the rate 3 cents instead of 4 cents, and changing the paragraph number.

No. 27: The Senate amendment proposes a duty of 25 cents per gallon on olives in solution and 5 cents per pound on olives not in solution. The House bill contained no such duty, and the House recedes with an amendment reducing the rate on olives not in solution to 3 cents per pound and changing the paragraph number.

No. 28: This is a clerical amendment making references to paragraph numbers, and the House recedes with an amendment making further clerical changes.

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