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EMERGENCY TARIFF LEGISLATION.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 15275.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 15275), "An act imposing temporary duties upon certain agricultural products to meet present emergencies, to provide revenue, and for other purposes," having considered the same, report favorably thereon with certain amendments and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendments adopted by the Committee on Finance are as follows:

On page 1, line 10, strike out "30" and insert "40" so that it will read: "1. Wheat, 40 cents per bushel."

On page 2, line 12, after the word "pound," insert "except rice, cleaned for use in the manufacture of canned foods."

Following paragraph 13, insert two new paragraphs as follows:

14. Fresh or frozen beef, veal, mutton, lamb, and pork, 2 cents per pound. Meats of all kinds prepared or preserved, not specially provided for herein, 25 per centum ad valorem.

15. That cattle and sheep and other stock imported for breeding purposes shall be admitted free of duty.

On page 3, line 1, strike out "14" and insert "16;" and strike out "three-eighths" and insert "one-eighth."

On page 3, line 3, strike out "15" and insert "17."

On page 3, line 4, strike out "14" and insert "16."

On page 3, line 7, strike out "16" and insert "18."

On page 3, line 22, strike out "17" and insert "19."

On page 3, line 23, strike out "16" and insert "18."

On page 4, line 1, strike out "16" and insert "18."

Insert, after paragraph 19, the following new paragraphs:

20. Sugars, tank bottoms, sirups of cano juice, melada, concentrated melada, concrete and concentrated molasses, testing by the polariscope not above seventy-five degrees, 2.13 cents per pound, and for every additional degree shown by the polariscope test seventy-eight one-thousandths of 1 cent per pound additional, and fractions of a degree in proportion; molasses, testing not above forty degrees, 45 per centum ad valorem; testing above forty degrees and not above fifty-six degrees, 6½ cents per gallon; testing above fifty-six degrees, 13½ cents per gallon. Sugar draining and sugar sweeping shall be subject to duty as molasses or sugar, as the case may be, according to polariscopic test.

That the duties in this paragraph herein imposed are in addition to the rates of duty imposed on such sugars by existing laws, and shall in no manner affect or impair such existing laws: *Provided*, That if the imposition of the duties herein shall have the effect of increasing the price in the ports of the United States of duty paid ninety-six degrees centrifugal sugar produced in and imported from Cuba beyond 8 cents per pound, or shall increase the price in the ports of the United States of similar sugars paying full duty beyond 8.76 cents per pound, or shall increase the price in the ports of the United States of sugars that have gone through a process of refining, or sugars fit for direct human consumption, beyond 10 cents per pound, then the emergency duty herein named shall be automatically decreased so as to prevent the prices of such sugars advancing beyond the respective prices herein named.

21. Butter, and substitutes therefor, 8 cents per pound.

22. Cheese, and substitutes therefor, 8 cents per pound.

23. Milk, fresh, 2 cents per gallon; cream, 5 cents per gallon.

24. Milk, preserved or condensed, or sterilized by heating or other processes, including weight of immediate coverings, 2 cents per pound; sugar of milk, 5 cents per pound.

25. Wrapper tobacco, and filler tobacco when mixed or packed with more than 15 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, \$2.85 per pound; if stemmed, \$3.50 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.

26. Hides of cattle, raw or uncured, whether dry, salted, or pickled, 15 per centum ad valorem: *Provided*, That upon all leather exported, made from imported hides, there shall be allowed a drawback equal to the amount of duty paid on such hides, to be paid under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe.

27. Apples, 20 cents a box: *Provided*, That if at any time the tariff on apples imported into Canada from the United States shall be greater than 30 cents a box, then the tariff on apples imported into this country shall be increased so as to make the tariff on apples imported into the United States the same as the tariff on apples imported into Canada from the United States.

28. Cherries in a raw state, preserved in brine or otherwise, 4 cents per pound.

On page 4, line 5, strike out "15, and 17" and insert "17, 19, and 20."

