

EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY DUTY SUSPENSION ON CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS OF YARN OF SILK

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

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 15798]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 15798) to extend for an additional temporary period the existing suspension of duties on certain classifications of yarn of silk, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with an amendment and recommends that the bill as amended do pass.

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

The bill as passed by the House would extend the temporary suspension of duties on these articles for 2 years. The purpose of the bill, however, as explained in the House Committee on Ways and Means Report No. 1419 was "to continue for 3 years, until the close of November 7, 1971, the existing suspension of duties on certain classifications of spun silk yarn." The committee's technical amendment restores the 3-year suspension which the House Committee intended, instead of the 2-year suspension as actually passed by the House.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Public Law 86-235, approved September 8, 1959, suspended for 3 years (until the close of November 7, 1962) the import duties imposed under paragraph 1202 of the old tariff schedules of the Tariff Act of 1930 on spun silk or schappe silk yarn (not dyed or colored, singles of more than 58,800 yards per pound, or plied of more than 29,400 yards per pound). The period of suspension was continued for an additional 3 years by Public Law 87-602, approved August 24, 1962, and by Public Law 89-229, approved October 1, 1965. Your committee's bill would continue the suspension of these

duties for an additional 3-year period, until the close of November 7, 1971.

Spun silk yarns are of two principal types: Standard spun-silk (schappe) yarn and silk-noil (bourrette) yarn. Standard or schappe spun-silk yarns for general textile use are manufactured from long parallelized silk fiber stock recovered from waste cocoons and silk filature waste and are used for making sewing thread, decorative stripings for fine worsteds, lacing cord for cartridge bags, and, in combination with other fibers, certain types of necktie fabrics, shirtings, dress, and suiting fabrics, upholstery and drapery materials.

The silk-noil type of yarn is made from shorter length, and hence cheaper, silk fiber stock than schappe and must be spun on wool-spinning machinery. The material used consists of silk noils discarded as byproducts in preparing silk waste for spinning in standard spun-silk yarns. Such yarns have few civilian uses except in mixture fabrics containing other fibers. Their chief use is in the weaving of silk cartridge cloth for powder bags for large-caliber ordnance.

The suspension of the duty was made in order to enable domestic producers of fine-yarn fabrics to import fine silk yarns free of duty in order to make it more economical to produce fine-yarn fabrics in competition with imported similar fabrics. Your committee is advised that the same reasons which justified the original suspension of the duty justify the continuation of the suspension.

No objection to the continuation of the suspension of duties has been brought to the committee's attention.

Your committee is unanimous in recommending the enactment of this legislation.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italic*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES

APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

Part 1.—Temporary Legislation

Item	Articles	Rates of duty		Effective period
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PART 1.—TEMPORARY LEGISLATION				
Subpart B.—Temporary Provisions Amending the Tariff Schedules				
905.30	Yarns, wholly of noncontinuous silk fibers (provided for in part 11, schedule 3): Singles, not bleached and not colored, measuring over 58,800 yards per pound (item 308.40).	Free	Free	On or before [11/7/68] 11/7/71
905.31	Plied, not bleached and not colored, measuring over 29,400 yards per pound (item 308.50 and item 308.51).	Free	Free	

