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EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY DUTY SUSPENSION ON ELECTRODES FOR USE IN PRODUCING ALUMINUM

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 10015]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 10015) to extend for an additional temporary period the existing suspension of duties on electrodes for use in producing aluminum, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 10015, as amended, is to continue until the close of December 31, 1970, the suspension of duties on electrodes imported for use in producing aluminum.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Under the permanent provisions of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, electrodes of the kind covered by the bill are currently dutiable under item 517.61 at 10 percent ad valorem, the second stage of a five-stage reduction from 12.5 to 6 percent ad valorem agreed to in the Kennedy round. However, the duty on electrodes imported for use in producing aluminum was suspended from October 7, 1965, under Public Law 89-241, until July 15, 1966, was further suspended by Public Law 89-434 until July 15, 1968, and to July 15, 1969, by Public Law 90-571.

Electrodes of the type covered by the bill are used in the electrolysis of alumina into aluminum. These electrodes, including both anodes and cathodes, are consumed in great quantities in the electrolysis process.

Your committee is informed that there is presently insufficient production of electrodes to satisfy domestic requirements. However, the committee is also informed that new plant capacity is being developed to produce electrodes for future domestic consumption. For this reason, the committee agreed to the bill as passed by the House limiting the suspension of duty for a period of 18 months, until December 31, 1970.

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 italics; existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

Item	Articles	Rates of duty		Effective period
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	PART 1.—TEMPORARY LEGISLATION			

	Subpart B.—Temporary Provisions Amending the Tariff Schedules			

909.25	Electrodes (provided for in item 517.61, part 1E, schedule 5) when imported for use in producing aluminum.	Free.....	Free.....	On or before [7/15/69] 12/31/70.

