

## IMPORTATION AND USE OF OPIUM.

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

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1966.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1966) to amend an act entitled "An act to prohibit the importation and use of opium for other than medicinal purposes," approved February 9, 1909, which has already passed the House of Representatives, recommend the passage of the same by the Senate, with the following amendments:

On line 21, page 4, strike out the words "to be," and on lines 21, 22, and 23, page 4, strike out the words "the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce," and on line 21, between the word "under" and the word "regulations," insert the word "such," and in lieu of the words "to be" stricken out insert the words "as are," and after the word "by," at the end of line 21, add the following language: "such country for the importation thereof into such country, such regulations to be promulgated from time to time by the Secretary of State of the United States," so that the language beginning on line 16 will read:

*Provided*, That opium or cocaine, and salts, derivatives, or preparations thereof, except smoking opium or opium prepared for smoking, the exportation of which is hereby absolutely prohibited, may be exported to countries regulating their entry under such regulations as are prescribed by such country for the importation thereof into such country, such regulations to be promulgated from time to time by the Secretary of State of the United States.

Your committee do not think it necessary to make an extended report. The reasons of public health, morality, and treaty obligations entered into between us and other countries all alike recommend the legislation.

For the information of the Senate we will append hereto a copy of Public Law No. 221.

[PUBLIC—No. 221.]

[H. R. 27427.]

AN ACT To prohibit the importation and use of opium for other than medicinal purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and nine, it shall be unlawful to import into the United States opium in any form or any preparation or derivative thereof: *Provided,* That opium and preparations and derivatives thereof, other than smoking opium or opium prepared for smoking, may be imported for medicinal purposes only, under regulations which the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to prescribe, and when so imported shall be subject to the duties which are now or may hereafter be imposed by law.

SEC. 2. That if any person shall fraudulently or knowingly import or bring into the United States, or assist in so doing, any opium or any preparation or derivative thereof contrary to law, or shall receive, conceal, buy, sell, or in any manner facilitate the transportation, concealment, or sale of such opium or preparation or derivative thereof after importation, knowing the same to have been imported contrary to law, such opium or preparation or derivative thereof shall be forfeited and shall be destroyed, and the offender shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$5,000 nor less than \$50, or by imprisonment for any time not exceeding two years, or both. Whenever, on trial for a violation of this section, the defendant is shown to have, or to have had, possession of such opium or preparation or derivative thereof, such possession shall be deemed sufficient evidence to authorize conviction unless the defendant shall explain the possession to the satisfaction of the jury.

Approved, February 9, 1909.

