

INVESTIGATING DOMESTIC PRODUCTIONS AND IMPORTATIONS OF WOOD PULP OR PULPWOOD

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Mr. LA FOLLETTE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. Res. 160]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution (S. Res. 160) directing the Tariff Commission to investigate certain facts concerning domestic productions and importations of wood pulp or pulpwood, having considered the same, report it with an amendment and recommend that the resolution do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 11, strike out "January" and insert "April".

In a letter addressed to the chairman of the committee by the Acting Chairman, United States Tariff Commission, which is attached hereto as a part of this report, it is pointed out that in order to submit complete up-to-date information on all details of an earlier report submitted by the Commission on this same subject, considerably more time would be required than that provided in the resolution. The committee, therefore, has changed the date on which the report is required to be submitted to the Senate from January 15, 1940, to April 15, 1940.

UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION,
Washington, July 20, 1939.

The Honorable PAT HARRISON,
United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR HARRISON: I am in receipt of your communication of July 13 enclosing for report Senate Resolution 160 which, if adopted, would require an investigation by the Tariff Commission with respect to wood pulp and pulpwood, the investigation to be reported upon not later than January 15, 1940.

In 1937, the Commission submitted a report to the Senate on wood pulp and pulpwood in response to Senate Resolution 200 of the Seventy-fourth Congress. The data presented were indicative of conditions through 1936 and the early part of 1937. Since then there have been numerous changes; prices of wood pulp are much lower; the pulp industry in the South has not expanded in certain directions as rapidly as some had predicted; our exports which were principally from

Pacific coast mills to Japan have declined in the past year or two very materially; and there have been shifts in our import trade. If the committee so desires, it would be feasible for the Tariff Commission to bring up to date information on these points and other important factors covered in our earlier report. Such a review could probably be made within the time limit set by the resolution, although were complete up-to-date information on all details of the earlier report to be obtained, considerably more time would be required.

Attention is called to the fact that the continued duty-free entry of pulpwood and wood pulp has been bound in trade agreements which we have with several foreign countries, and the imposition by Congress of a duty would violate these agreements.

The attention of the committee is also called to the fact that the Treasury Department now has under consideration requests that dumping duties be imposed against imports of pulp. Investigations are now in progress with respect to pulp imports from several countries.

Sincerely yours,

OSCAR B. RYDER, *Acting Chairman.*

