

ISOTOPE SEPARATOR FOR PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

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

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 8272]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 8272) to provide for the free entry of an isotope separator for the use of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 8272 is to allow Princeton University to import free of duty a scientific instrument for its own use.

GENERAL STATEMENT

H.R. 8272 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to admit free of duty an isotope separator for the use of Princeton University, Princeton, N.J., during June 1964, under New York consumption entry 1062984, and related articles imported at the same port in June 1964 under consumption entry 1074614.

Your committee is advised that no comparable instrument made in the United States is available. The Department of Commerce has stated with respect to H.R. 8272 and similar bills ordered favorably reported at the same time (H.R. 6666 and H.R. 6906):

It is the understanding of this Department that the instruments required by the universities are essentially specialized beta-ray spectroscopic devices used in nuclear energy research. At the time of purchase, instruments having the required characteristics of high concentration and convertibility essential to devices used in nuclear energy research could not be obtained from domestic sources.

After careful investigation the Department feels that at the time the universities determined their requirements and specifications for the beta-ray spectroscopic devices no instruments of equivalent scientific value were available from domestic sources.

In the circumstances, the Committee on Finance, like the Committee on Ways and Means of the House is of the opinion that this legislation is meritorious and consistent with prior legislation of this nature and recommends its enactment.

