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## MERCHANDISE DONATED TO THE RED CROSS.

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

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 12704.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12704) to authorize the importation without the payment of duty of sundry articles for the American National Red Cross to be donated or used by it solely to or for the benefit of the land or naval forces of the United States or its allies, or for the relief of the civilian population of the United States or of its allies, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

This measure passed the House of Representatives by unanimous consent and the report of the Committee on Ways and Means of that body fully explains the merits of the bill and is appended hereto and made a part of this report

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[House Report No. 757, Sixty-fifth Congress, second session.]

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The purpose of this bill is to authorize, during the continuance of the war and for a period of one year thereafter, the free importation into the United States of articles of clothing, medicines, drugs, hospital supplies and equipment, goods, wool and cotton, and the products thereof, donated by any person or persons abroad and consigned to the American National Red Cross. The bill provides that such articles or supplies are not to be sold, but are only to be donated or used by the Red Cross solely for the benefit of the land or naval forces of the United States or the allies of the United States, or for the relief of the civilian population of the United States or any of its allies.