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STORING AND CLEANSING OF IMPORTED MEXICAN PEAS.

FEBRUARY 25, 1916.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3536.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred S. 3536, entitled a bill to provide for the storing and cleansing of imported Mexican peas, commonly called "gorbanzos," have had the same under consideration and report it back to the Senate with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

There is hereto attached a letter from the Hon. W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, dated February 11, 1916, which, together with the bill, fully explains the purposes and reasons for the proposed substitute.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, February 11, 1916.

Hon. F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman Committee on Finance, United States Senate.

MY DEAR SENATOR: I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, transmitting a bill (S. 3536) to provide for the storing and cleansing of imported Mexican peas, commonly called "garbanzos," wherein you request an expression of my views concerning the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage.

The bill proposes to authorize the storing and cleaning of one kind of merchandise only, viz, Mexican peas, and while the department is in sympathy with the object sought to be obtained in the bill, it is of the opinion that the provisions of the bill should be broader to authorize also the storage and cleaning of wheat, barley, and other grains and seeds for exportation, and has therefore prepared a draft of a substitute bill for S. 3536, which is inclosed for the consideration of your committee.

Very truly, yours,

W. G. McAdoo, *Secretary.*