

SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON CERTAIN ELECTRODES

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

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 16940]

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 16940) to extend until December 31, 1972, the suspension of duty on electrodes for use in producing aluminum having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE

The purpose of H.R. 16940 is to continue until the close of December 31, 1972, the suspension of duties on electrodes imported for use in producing aluminum.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Under the permanent provisions of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, electrodes of the kind covered by the bill are currently dutiable under item 517.61 at 8½ percent ad valorem, the third stage of a five-stage reduction from 12½ to 6 percent ad valorem agreed to in the Kennedy round. However, the duty on electrodes imported for use in producing aluminum was suspended from October 7, 1965, under Public Law 89-241, until July 15, 1966, was further suspended by Public Law 89-434 until July 15, 1968; to July 15, 1969, by Public Law 90-571; and to the close of December 31, 1970 by Public Law 91-26.

The committee is informed that the electrodes of the type covered by the bill usually are manufactured by aluminum companies themselves at the site where they are to be used in the electrolysis of alumina into aluminum. These electrodes generally of carbon or graphite are consumed in great quantities in the electrolysis process. A number of small aluminum plants have been importing electrodes due to an in-

sufficient volume of aluminum production to permit efficient manufacture of electrodes at their plants, and due to the difficulty of purchasing such electrodes commercially from domestic producers.

The committee has received no information which would indicate opposition to the legislation, and the executive department had no objection to its enactment.

The committee believes that an extension of the suspension of duty on electrodes imported for use in producing aluminum for a 2-year period as provided in H.R. 16940 is warranted.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL AS REPORTED

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in *italic*, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES

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APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

Part 1.—Temporary Legislation

Item	Articles	Rates of Duty		Effective Period
		1	2	
	SUBPART B.—TEMPORARY PROVISIONS AMENDING THE TARIFF SCHEDULES			
909. 25	Electrodes (provided for in item 517.61, part 1E, schedule 5) when imported for use in producing aluminum.	Free.....	Free.....	On or before [December 31, 1970.] <i>December 31, 1972</i>

