

EC-4406. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 18, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

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EC-4408. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4409. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4410. A communication from the Administrator of the Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 5, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4411. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 2, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4412. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 6, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4413. A communication from the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 13, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4414. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule received on March 3, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4415. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule received on March 10, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4416. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, the report of a rule received on March 16, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4417. A communication from the Manager of the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, the reports of twenty-two rules received on February 23, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4418. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 23, 1998; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4419. A communication from the Director of the Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting,

pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 23, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4420. A communication from the Director of the Office of Rulemaking Coordination, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule received on March 23, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4421. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Adjustment Act of 1998"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4422. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management and Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of three rules received on March 20, 1998; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4423. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the notice of the proposed issuance of an export license; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-357. A petition from the Lithuanian American Council, Inc. of Cicero, Illinois relative to the East Prussia, Kaliningrad Region; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

POM-358. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to the Congressional Record and the Journal of the U.S. Senate; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

POM-359. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Maine; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas, tobacco is addictive and detrimental to people's health; and

Whereas, people of all ages are affected by the use of tobacco; and

Whereas, the United States Secretary of Agriculture sets price supports for tobacco; authorizes loans to tobacco producers; provides noninsured crop disaster assistance; and, through the Commodity Credit Corporation, provides federal crop insurance for tobacco producers; and

Whereas, the State of Maine, the 49 other states and the Federal Government have spent billions of dollars collectively on health care costs related to tobacco; and

Whereas, farms with fertile soil grow over a ton of tobacco per acre; and

Whereas, 124,000 farms in the United States grow a total of 1.65 billion pounds of tobacco annually; and

Whereas, the \$358.5 billion settlement from tobacco companies to the states could be used by producers to grow food crops; and

Whereas, the tobacco quota rights program gives producers permission to grow tobacco at \$8 per pound and gives transition payments to producers who lease the quota rights; and

Whereas, the price paid to tobacco producers for tobacco will fall if the price support is eliminated; and

Whereas, federal price supports are critical and producers will not grow tobacco without this assistance; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That We, your Memorialists, request the President of the United States and

the United States Congress to remove the financial assistance necessary to grow the tobacco crop; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the United States; the President of the United States Senate; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; the Speaker of the House or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; the President of the Senate or the equivalent officer in the 49 other states; and each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

POM-360. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of New Hampshire; to the Committee on Armed Services.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

Whereas, the State of New Hampshire was the ninth state to enter the union; and

Whereas, the first-in-the-nation New Hampshire presidential primary plays a vital role in the election of our nation's presidents; and

Whereas, 59 servicemen from New Hampshire have earned the United States highest military honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor; and

Whereas, since June 12, 1800, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has provided invaluable service to the fleet; and

Whereas, New Hampshire was the home of Franklin Pierce, the fourteenth president of the United States; and

Whereas, New Hampshire veterans have fought for the United States in every major conflict in American history; and

Whereas, the people of New Hampshire are extremely proud of their service members who today serve in all corners of the world; and

Whereas, the United States Navy has not had a commissioned vessel in its fleet honoring the state of New Hampshire since May 21, 1921; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That the state of New Hampshire encourages the Department of the Navy to name a vessel in its fleet the U.S.S. New Hampshire; and

That copies of this resolution signed by the governor, the speaker of the house, and the president of the senate be forwarded by the house clerk to each member of the New Hampshire congressional delegation to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Navy for consideration and appropriate action.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. STEVENS, from the Committee on Appropriations:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution for Fiscal Year 1998" (Rept. No. 105-172).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. GLENN, Mr. COATS, Mr. KOHL, Mr. GORTON, and Mr. GRAMS):

S. 1823. A bill to amend the National Sea Grant College Program Act with respect to

the treatment of Lake Champlain; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. TORRICELLI (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1824. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide duty-free treatment for certain skating boots used for in-line skates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1825. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide sufficient funding to assure a minimum size for honor guard details at funerals of veterans of the Armed Forces, to establish the minimum size of such details, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 1826. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily the duty on personal effects of participants in the 1999 Women's World Cup; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HELMS:

S. 1827. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on dialkylphthalene sulfonic acid sodium salt; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1828. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on sodium N-methyl-N-oleoly taurate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1829. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on O-(6-chloro-3-phenyl-4-pyridazinyl)-S-octyl-carbonothioate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1830. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 4-cyclopropyl-6-methyl-2-phenylamino-pyrimidine; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1831. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on O,O-Dimethyl-S-(5-methoxy-2-oxo-1,3,4-thiadiazol-3(2H)-yl-methyl)-dithiophosphate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1832. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on (Ethyl (2-(4-phenoxyphenoxy) ethyl) carbamate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1833. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 1-(4-methoxy-6-methyl-triazin-2-yl)-3-(2-(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)-phenylsulfonyl)-urea; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1834. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 3-(4,6-Bis (difluoromethoxy)-pyrimidin-2-yl)-1-(methoxy-carbonylphenylsulfonyl) urea; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1835. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 3-(6-methoxy-4-methyl-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-1-(2-(2-chloroethoxy)-phenylsulfonyl)-urea; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1836. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on ((2S,4R)/(2R,4S)/(2R,4R)/(2S,4S))-1-(2-(4-(4-chloro-phenoxy)-2-chlorophenyl)-4-methyl-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl-methyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1837. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2,4 dichloro 3,5 dinitro benzotrifluoride; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1838. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on streptomycin sulfate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1839. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2-chloro-N-(2,6-dinitro-4-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl)-N-ethyl-6-fluorobenzenemethanamine; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1840. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on chloroacetone; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1841. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on orthonitrophenyl; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1842. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on acetic acid, ((2-chloro-4-fluoro-5-

((tetrahydro-3-oxo-1h,3H-(1,3,4)thiadiazolo(3,4-A)pyridazin-1-ylidene)amino)phenyl)thio-,methyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1843. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on acetic acid, ((5-chloro-8-quinolino)oxy)-1-methylhexyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1844. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on calcium oxytetracycline; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1845. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on Tinopal CBS-X; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1846. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on 2,4 dichloro 3,5 dinitro benzotrifluoride; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1847. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on streptomycin sulfate; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1848. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on propanoic acid, 2-(4-(5-chloro-3-fluor-2-pyridinyl)oxy)-phenoxy)-2-propynyl ester; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1849. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on trifluoromethylaniline; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1850. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on mucochloric acid; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1851. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain rocket engines; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. THURMOND:

S. 1852. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on parts for use in the manufacture of loudspeakers; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1853. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1854. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain electrical transformers for use in the manufacture of audio systems; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 1855. A bill to require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to recognize that electronic forms of providing MSDSs provide the same level of access to information as paper copies; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. Res. 199. A resolution designating the last week of April of each calendar year as "National Youth Fitness Week"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. THURMOND.

S. 1852. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on parts for use in the manufacture of loudspeakers; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1853. A bill to temporarily the duty on loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures; to the Committee on Finance.

S. 1854. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain electrical transformers for use in the manufacture of audio systems; to the Committee on Finance.

DUTY SUSPENSION LEGISLATION

Mr. THURMOND. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce three bills which will temporarily suspend the duties on parts used to manufacture loudspeakers. Currently, these parts are imported into the United States.

The three items which will receive temporary duty suspensions are certain electrical transformers, loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures, and parts for loudspeakers. The tariffs on these items are scheduled for elimination in the Information Technology Agreement II that is currently being negotiated in the World Trade Organization.

Mr. President, suspending the duty on these items will allow a South Carolina industry to be competitive in the world marketplace. I hope the Senate will consider these measures expeditiously.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bills be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the bills were ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1852

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON PARTS FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF LOUDSPEAKERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following new sub-heading:

<p>“9902.85.18 Parts for use in the manufacture of loudspeakers (provided for in sub-heading 8518.90.80)</p>	<p>Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2002”.</p>
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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.

S. 1853

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON LOUDSPEAKERS NOT MOUNTED IN THEIR ENCLOSURES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following new sub-heading:

<p>“9902.85.19 Loudspeakers not mounted in their enclosures (provided for in sub-heading 8518.29.80)</p>	<p>Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2002”.</p>
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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of enactment of this Act.