

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 2587

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's knit-to-shape blouses and shirts.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. HUTCHISON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **A BILL**

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's knit-to-shape blouses and shirts.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN WOMEN'S KNIT-TO-SHAPE BLOUSES**  
4 **AND SHIRTS.**

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

"	9902.01.00	Knit-to-shape blouses and shirts for women, of wool or fine animal hair, as described in U.S. note 21(a) to this subchapter (provided for in subheading 6106.90.10) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	"
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1 (b) AMENDMENTS TO U.S. NOTES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99  
3 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United  
4 States is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new U.S. Note:

6 “21. (a) Headings **【9902.01.00 through**  
7 **9902.XX.XX】** cover only garments that were knit to  
8 shape on flat knitting machines with a stitch count exceed-  
9 ing 9 stitches per 2 centimeters but less than or equal  
10 to 18 stitches per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer  
11 surface of the fabric forming the exterior surface of the  
12 garment in the direction on which the stitches are formed.  
13 Whenever such fabric is formed using both knit and purl  
14 stitches, the purl stitches will be disregarded and only the  
15 knit stitches on the outer surface of the fabric will be  
16 counted. In order to be eligible for entry under these head-  
17 ings—

18 “(1) all of the garment’s component parts, in-  
19 cluding any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and  
20 pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

1           “(2) all of the garment’s components must have  
2           been assembled by looping and linking, including the  
3           side seams.

4           “(b) Headings **【9902.01.00 through 9902.XX.XX】**  
5           cover only garments that were knit to shape on flat knit-  
6           ting machines with a stitch count not exceeding 9 stitches  
7           per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer surfaces of the  
8           fabric forming the exterior surface of the garment in the  
9           direction on which the stitches are formed. Whenever such  
10          fabric is formed using both knit and purl stitches, the purl  
11          stitches will be disregarded and only the knit stitches on  
12          the outer surface of the fabric will be counted. In order  
13          to be eligible for entry under these headings—

14                 “(1) all of the garment’s component parts, in-  
15                 cluding any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and  
16                 pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

17                 “(2) all of the garment’s components must have  
18                 been assembled by looping and linking, including the  
19                 side seams.”.

20                 (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such sub-  
21                 chapter is further amended by striking the first U.S.  
22                 Note 18 to such subchapter (relating to headings  
23                 9902.14.01 through 9902.14.05) and inserting after  
24                 U.S. Note 19, the following new U.S. Note:

1       “20. For the purposes of subheadings 9902.14.01,  
2 9902.14.02, 9902.14.03, 9902.14.04, and 9902.14.05, the  
3 term ‘mechanics’ work gloves’ means gloves having the fol-  
4 lowing characteristics: synthetic leather palms and fingers;  
5 fourchettes of synthetic leather or of fabric in part of  
6 nylon or elastomeric yarn; backs comprising either one  
7 layer of knitted fabric in part of elastomeric yarn or three  
8 layers with the outer layer of knitted fabric in part of elas-  
9 tomeric yarn, the center layer of foam and the inner layer  
10 of tricot fabric, the foregoing whether or not including a  
11 thermoplastic rubber logo or pad on the back; and elastic  
12 wrist straps with molded thermoplastic rubber hook-and-  
13 loop enclosures.”.

14       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
16 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

**LIMITED TARIFF BENEFIT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Provide a signed hard copy to the Clerk of the Senate Committee on Finance located at 219 Dirksen SOB and a PDF version sent via email to mtb2009@finance-dem.senate.gov not later than five business days after the date of introduction of the bill.

*Please be aware that this form will be made available to the public, media, and any other interested parties.*

**Part I.** This form is being submitted for S. 2587, which I introduced in the Senate on October 30, 2009. If the bill referenced above is a modification of a previously introduced bill to reflect technical changes, please indicate the previous bill number here: N/A.

**Part II.** Please indicate the type of disclosure below: (Please check one only)

- The bill referenced in Part I is reasonably anticipated to benefit 10 or fewer individuals or entities, and as such constitutes a Limited Tariff Benefit. (Complete Part III)
- The bill referenced in Part I is reasonably anticipated to benefit more than 10 individuals or entities, and as such does not constitute a Limited Tariff Benefit.

**Part III.** Provide the information below in subparts A, B, and C if the bill referenced above is a Limited Tariff Benefit.

**A. Anticipated Beneficiaries:**

**B. Purpose of the Limited Tariff Benefit:**

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's knit-to-shape blouses and shirts.

**C. Financial Benefit Certification**

I hereby certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a financial interest in the above described limited tariff benefit.



(Member Signature)

11/04/2009

Date

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

(Print Member name)

**BILL DESCRIPTION FORM**

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**Part I.** S. 2587 was introduced on October 30, 2009. I am aware that the deadline to introduce bills is on October 30, 2009. If the bill referenced above is a modification of a previously introduced bill to reflect technical changes, please indicate the previous bill number here: N/A.

**Part II.** The bill referenced above is: (please check one only)

- a new temporary duty suspension or temporary duty reduction
- an extension of an existing temporary duty suspension or temporary duty reduction
- a reliquidation in an instance of customs error and for which no litigation is pending
- a technical correction to U.S. tariff laws

**Part III.** Name of proponent(s):

Phone/email:

JC Penney

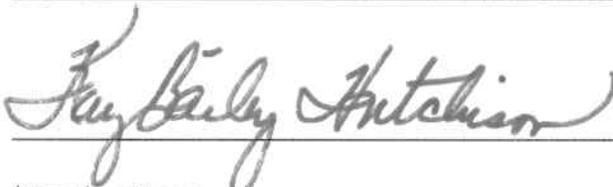
Nancy Parker White  
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**Part IV.** The bill referenced above:

- has a companion bill in the House of Representatives: \_\_\_\_\_.
- does not have a companion bill in the House of Representatives.

**Part V.** If the Committee has a technical question concerning the bill, who should the Committee contact on your staff?

Jamie Moore, (202) 224-5922



(Member Signature)

11/04/2209

Date

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

(Print Member name)