

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 451 OF TARIFF ACT OF 1930

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Mr. DOUGHTON, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany S. 1758]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1758) to amend section 451 of the Tariff Act of 1930, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the House numbered 6, 7, 8, and 9 and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 1, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House amendment and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *operator, or agent of a highway vehicle, bridge, tunnel, or ferry*; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 2:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House amendment and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *other means of highway travel upon, over, or through any highway, bridge, tunnel, or ferry*; and the House agree to the same.

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Amendment numbered 3:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House amendment and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *other means of highway travel upon, over, or through any highway, bridge, tunnel, or ferry, between the United States and Canada*; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 4:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 4, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House amendment and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *or agent of any such highway vehicle, bridge, tunnel, or ferry, or other person*; and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 5:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Omit the matter proposed to be stricken out by the House amendment and in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the House amendment insert the following: *over highways or toll bridges*; and the House agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 1758) to amend section 451 of the Tariff Act of 1930, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Amendment numbered 1: The Senate bill relieved owners and operators of bridges, tunnels, and ferries between the United States and Canada and between the United States and Mexico from paying the compensation of customs inspectors assigned to duty on Sundays, holidays, or at night to duties in connection with the arrival in and departure from the United States of persons and property by means of such bridges, tunnels, and ferries.

The amendment of the House numbered 1 extended the benefits of this provision to owners and operators of highway vehicles and aircraft operating between the United States and Mexico and between the United States and Canada.

The Senate recedes with an amendment the effect of which is to omit aircraft from the House amendment.

Amendment numbered 2: The amendment of the House numbered 2 was a technical amendment made necessary by the amendment of the House numbered 1.

The Senate recedes with an amendment in conformity with the action on amendment numbered 1.

Amendment numbered 3: The Senate bill required the collector, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to assign customs officers and employees to duty, at ports of entry where persons or property arrive in or depart from the United States by motor vehicle, trolley car, on foot, or by other means upon, over, or through any bridge, tunnel or ferry between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico, at such times during the 24 hours of each day, including Sundays and holidays, as the Secretary in his discretion determined to be necessary.

The amendment of the House numbered 3 extended this requirement to include the assignment of customs officers and employees to duties at customs stations on highways between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico and at ports of entry where persons and property arrived in or departed from the United States to Canada or Mexico by aircraft.

The Senate recedes with an amendment the effect of which is to limit the amendment to requiring assignment of customs officers and employees to stations on highways.

Amendment numbered 4: The Senate bill provided that in the cases described in connection with amendments numbered 1 and 3, the compensation payable to the customs officers and employees for duty on Sundays, holidays, or at night shall be paid by the United States without requiring a bond, license, financial undertaking, or payment in connection therewith, on the part of the owner, operator, or agent of any bridge, tunnel, or ferry covered by the bill.

The amendment of the House numbered 4, in conformity with amendments numbered 1 and 3, extended this relief from payment, license, giving bond, etc., to owners and operators of highway vehicles and aircraft.

The Senate recedes with an amendment the effect of which is to limit the extension of this relief under the House amendment to owners and operators of highway vehicles; in conformity with the action on amendments numbered 1, 2, and 3.

Amendment numbered 5: The Senate bill provided that the extra compensation of customs officers and employees heretofore assigned to the performance of inspectional services in connection with traffic between the United States and Canada and the United States and Mexico by means of facilities described in connection with amendment numbered 1, shall be payable by the United States without reimbursement.

The House amendment, in conformity with amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, extended this provision to include customs officers and employees heretofore assigned to duty in connection with traffic by aircraft, highways, and toll bridges.

The Senate recedes with an amendment the effect of which is to limit the extension of this provision under the House amendment to customs officers and employees assigned to duty in connection with traffic by highways.

Amendment numbered 6: The Senate bill provided that any reimbursement of compensation made payable by the United States without reimbursement under section 2 of the bill shall be refunded.

The amendment of the House numbered 6 limits the refund to amounts which have accrued and been collected since January 6, 1941.

The Senate recedes.

Amendment numbered 7: The Senate bill directed the Director of the Bureau of the Budget to cause an investigation to be made concerning differences between the compensation of customs personnel performing inspectional work and of other Federal personnel performing comparable work under comparable circumstances, and to report his recommendations to the Congress for the equalization of any differences which will eliminate the necessity for the assignment of individual customs employees to work regularly on seven days in any week. The bill also directed that the Bureau make recommendations with respect to the establishment of pay differentials for customs employees required to work on Sundays, holidays, or at night.

The amendment of the House numbered 7 provided that this investigation, and these recommendations, should be made by the United States Civil Service Commission in lieu of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The Senate recedes.

Amendments numbered 8 and 9: The amendments of the House numbered 8 and 9 are clerical amendments made necessary by amendment numbered 7.

The Senate recedes.

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