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No. 311.

EXTENSION OF THE EMERGENCY TARIFF ACT.

NOVEMBER 4, 1921.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 8643.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8643) to extend the tariff act approved May 27, 1921, having had the same under consideration, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee clearly states the history of the emergency tariff legislation and the necessity for the passage of this bill and is hereto appended and made a part of this report:

The Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H. R. 8643, a bill to extend the tariff act approved May 27, 1921, reports the same back to the House without amendments with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The act, commonly known as the farmers' emergency tariff act, approved May 27, 1921, contained, among other things, a provision limiting the period during which Title I thereof should remain in force to six months from and after the passage of the act. It also carried a provision with reference to Title V thereof, limiting the time during which it should remain in force for three months from and after the passage of the act. Subsequently an amendment to Title V was adopted changing "three months" to "six months," with the result that the law as expressed in Title I and Title V will expire on November 27, next. These limitations were originally placed in the act because it was believed that within the time fixed thereby a complete tariff law would be enacted which would supersede the provisions of Titles I and V of this act. Title I imposed certain duties on agricultural products. Title V imposed conditions upon the entry into the United States of dyes, dyestuffs, and certain chemicals.

It is plain that it was the intention of Congress that the provisions of Titles I and V should remain in force until the enactment of the complete tariff bill, but it is now quite evident that the complete tariff bill will not become a law within the limitation imposed upon these titles by the original bill. The purpose of H. R. 8643 is to carry out that intention. The bill provides that Titles I and V of the emergency act "shall remain in force and effect until February 1, 1922, unless otherwise provided by law," it being considered that this would afford sufficient time for the enactment of the complete tariff law.