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REPORT No. 1100.

PROVIDING FOR THE FREE IMPORTATION OF SEED, GRAIN, AND FLAXSEED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

FEBRUARY 20 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 21), 1917.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. James, from the Committee on-Finance, submitted the following

${f REPORT}$.

[To accompany S. 7039.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 7039) providing for the free importation of seed, grain, and flaxseed under certain conditions, having considered the same in connection with a proviso suggested by the Secretary of the Treasury, report thereon with a recommendation that the amended bill do pass.

The letter of the Secretary of the Treasury is appended hereto and

made a part hereof.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, Washington, January 17, 1917.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, United States Senate.

Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant inclosing a copy of Senate bill 7039, providing for the free importation of seed, grain, and flaxseed under certain conditions, and requesting such suggestions as may be deemed proper touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage. The department sees no objection to the passage of the bill. It is suggested, however, that the following provise be added:

"Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal or impair the provisions of an act entitled: 'An act to regulate foreign commerce by prohibiting the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for

the admission into the United States of certain adulterated grain and seeds unfit for seeding purposes,' approved August twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and twelve, or any act amendatory thereof."

Respectfully,

W. G. McADOO, Secretary.