

**ADMITTING WITHOUT PAYMENT OF TARIFF, ARTICLES IMPORTED  
FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXHIBITION  
AT THE INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, TO BE  
HELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

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

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 8959]

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8959) to permit articles imported from foreign countries for the purpose of exhibition at the International Photographic Exposition, to be held at Washington, D. C., to be admitted without payment of tariff, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

By virtue of this act, the Committee on Finance accepts the report of the Committee on Ways and Means which is as follows:

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The amendment is as follows:

Page 2, line 14, strike out "from" and insert "for".

### PURPOSE

The purpose of H. R. 8959 is to permit the entry, free of duty, of articles imported for exhibition at the International Photographic Exposition to be held at Washington, D. C.

## GENERAL STATEMENT

Your committee's bill follows the pattern of previous legislation enacted by the Congress in connection with various international exhibitions, expositions, and fairs held in the United States. The language of your committee's bill parallels that of Public Law 486, 83d Congress, which provided for the entry, free of duty, of articles for the purpose of exhibition, at the Washington State Fourth International Trade Fair, Seattle, Wash., as well as other public laws relating to international fairs and expositions.

It has long been the policy of Congress to facilitate participation of foreign countries in international expositions held in the United States by permitting articles intended for display at these expositions to be entered free of import duties and charges under safeguarding regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Department of the Treasury has informed your committee that it anticipates no unusual administrative difficulties if your committee's bill is enacted.

Your committee has been informed that this International Photographic Exposition to be held at Washington, D. C., from March 18, 1957, to April 4, 1957, inclusive, by the Master Photo Dealers and Finishers Association, has already received a pledge of support from most of the major American photographic organizations. In addition, several other American organizations related to the field of photography have under consideration the matter of adding their support to this undertaking.

H. R. 8959 provides that the imported articles shall not be subject to marking requirements of the general tariff laws except when such articles are withdrawn for consumption or use in the United States. Articles so admitted may be lawfully sold at any time during or within 3 months after the close of the exposition, subject to such regulations for the security of the revenue and for the collection of import duties as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe.

The Departments of State and Treasury favorably reported to your committee on H. R. 8959. Your committee is unanimous in urging the enactment of this legislation.

