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No. 1055.

ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

FEBRUARY 14 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 15), 1917.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 6254.]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 6254) for the relief of the Adams Express Co. having considered the same, report the bill back with certain amendments, and as so amended recommend that the bill do pass.

On page 1, line 6, strike out "\$3,112.58" and insert "\$2,666.45."

On page 1, line 7, strike out the words "and interest thereon."

The bill has the approval of the Treasury Department, as will be seen by the letter which is appended hereto and made a part of this report.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, July 12, 1916.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,
United States Senate.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge, by reference from your committee under date of the 2d ultimo, the receipt of bill S. 6254, entitled "A bill for the relief of the Adams Express Co.," authorizing the payment to said company of the sum of \$3,112.58, being the amount of duties paid by the Adams Express Co. on entries Nos. 50914, 20139, and 218516, together with interest thereon.

In reply to your request that I furnish the committee with such suggestions as may be deemed proper touching the merits of the bill and the propriety of its passage, I inclose herewith a copy of a report from the collector of customs at New York, under date of the 15th instant, bearing on this subject.

From the report of the collector submitted it appears that at various times during the year 1913 there were imported certain goods described as of American origin exported and returned on which duties were provisionally assessed as follows, pending the submission of further proof required under the regulations of this department that the goods in question were in fact of American origin, and had been previously exported from the United States.

It also appears that the Adams Express Co., although several times notified by the collector, failed to produce the required evidence called for under the bond, but claim to have filed applications for the cancellation of the several bonds before the

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expiration thereof. The collector states that the records of his office fail to show the filing of any such applications, but is not prepared to say that such applications were not filed in view of the sworn statements of the Adams Express Co.

As the goods covered by these various importations were provisionally returned by the appraising officer as goods of American origin, and as the collector of customs at New York expresses the opinion that probably applications for cancellation were filed as intimated by the Adams Express Co., this department is of the opinion that it will be just and proper to refund to the Adams Express Co. the amount claimed, the same being represented by the following items:

Duties on entry 50914	\$558.60
Interest on this amount from Feb. 21, 1913, the date of liquidation, to Mar. 20, 1916.	103.24
Duties on entry 29139	57.90
Interest thereon from Jan. 30, 1913, the date of liquidation, to Mar. 20, 1916.	10.90
Duties on entry 218516	2,049.95
Interest thereon from Aug. 12, 1913, the date of liquidation, to Mar. 20, 1916.	320.47
Making a total of duties and interest of	3,101.06
Court costs	11.52
Total	3,112.58

It is therefore of the opinion that the bill is a meritorious one and should be passed.

Respectfully,

W. G. McADOO, *Secretary.*

