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JUN 30 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

ACTION

Last Day: July 9

June 30, 1975

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To: [unclear]  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JIM CANNON *Jane*

SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 7709 - Duty Suspension on Certain Isthle; Temporary Postponement of New Child Support Provisions in Social Security Act

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 7709, sponsored by Representative Clancy, which:

- Extends the existing suspension of duty on certain isthle fiber from September 5, 1975 until June 30, 1978;
- Postpones from July 1, 1975 to August 1, 1975 the effective date of child support programs enacted in the Social Services Amendments of 1974.

A discussion of the features of the bill is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB recommends that you sign the enrolled bill prior to July 1, when the new child support provisions are scheduled to take effect. Max Friedersdorf, Phil Buchen (Lazarus) and I concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 7709 at Tab B.





EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUN 28 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 7709 - Duty suspension on certain istle; temporary postponement of new child support provisions in Social Security Act  
Sponsor - Rep. Clancy (R) Ohio

Last Day for Action


July 9, 1975 - Wednesday. Recommend action before July 1, 1975, when new child support provisions are scheduled to take effect.

Purpose

Extends the existing suspension of duty on certain istle from September 5, 1975, until June 30, 1978; postpones from July 1, 1975 to August 1, 1975 the effective date of child support programs enacted in the Social Services Amendments of 1974.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	Approval
Domestic Council Committee on Privacy	Approval
Department of Commerce	Approval (informal)
Department of Agriculture	Approval (informal)
Department of State	No objection (informal)
Department of the Treasury	No objection (informal)
Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations	No objection to Sec. 1; no comment on Sec. 2 (informal)



Department of Labor

No objection to  
Sec. 1; no comment  
on Sec. 2 (informal)

Discussion

H.R. 7709 as introduced and reported by the House and Senate Committees would extend the duty suspension on imports of processed istle fiber. When the bill reached the Senate floor on June 26, 1975, Senator Long proposed an amendment to postpone for one month the effective date of child support programs which became law on January 4, 1975 in the Social Services Amendments of 1974; this rider was accepted by both Houses on June 26 with practically no debate.

Section 1--Suspension of duty  
on certain istle

Section 1 of H.R. 7709 would continue until June 30, 1978, the existing duty suspension on imports of processed istle fiber, which would otherwise expire on September 5, 1975. The duty on processed istle fiber has been continuously suspended by various public laws since 1957. Imports of crude istle fiber are accorded permanent duty-free treatment.

There is no known domestic production of crude istle or of processed istle fiber, which is used primarily for bristle in the production of a wide range of high-quality paint brushes and industrial brushes and brooms. Domestic manufacturers of such articles depend upon imports, principally from Mexico, for their supplies of processed istle fiber.

Extension of the existing duty suspension will continue to help make domestically produced household and maintenance brushes containing processed istle fiber more competitive with imported brushes. Because of its relatively high cost and absorbent quality, processed istle fiber does not compete directly with domestically produced synthetic fibers.

All of the concerned agencies either favored or had no objection to section 1 of the enrolled bill in reports to the Congress.



Section 2--Child support programs

P.L. 93-647, the Social Services Amendments of 1974, added a new Title IV D to the Social Security Act providing for a new child support and establishment of paternity program, to become effective on July 1, 1975. H.R. 7709 would delay this date by 30 days. The delay would apply to all of Title IV D except a provision under which the United States has consented to garnishment of Federal wages and certain other moneys payable by the Federal Government for purposes of child support or alimony payments. That provision became effective on January 1, 1975, and is unaffected by the enrolled bill.


Under Title IV D, all States participating in the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) are required to carry out a child support and establishment of paternity program. Each State is also required to condition AFDC eligibility on applicants' assignment to the State of their child support rights. A number of States cannot comply with this requirement as of July 1, 1975 because they have not as yet enacted the necessary amendments to their laws. In addition, because of a technical deficiency in Title IV D, the child support assignment provisions will have the effect of reducing benefits to families in 16 States that provide AFDC payments below the State-established standard of need.

HEW had indicated informally to Senator Long's office on the day before passage of the enrolled bill that the Department supported in concept legislative action to correct these serious problems. HEW also transmitted to the Congress on the following day a draft bill to correct the benefit reduction problem.

In view of the imminent recess, agreement was reached in the Congress that the best course was a simple 30-day postponement of the new requirements.

In its views letter on the enrolled bill, HEW states:

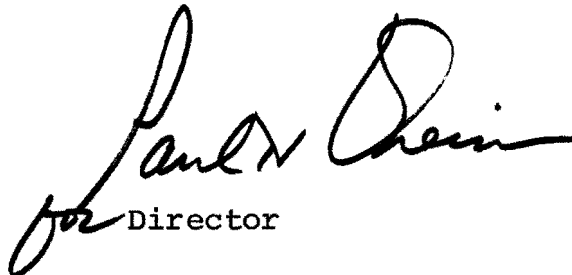
"At no time did we seek, nor do we now welcome, a delay in the effective date of the new child support program, which we remain ready to implement on July 1. Nevertheless, we must now choose between accepting this delay, or disregarding a problem that will substantially disrupt the AFDC program in many States unless corrected. Given this limited choice, we must reluctantly recommend the enrolled bill's approval."



The Domestic Council Committee on the Right of Privacy strongly recommends that you sign H.R. 7709. The Committee points out that in your signing statement on the Social Services Amendments of 1974 you criticized certain aspects of Title IV D because of serious privacy and administrative issues, and because of the extent to which it injects the Federal Government into family matters. You stated that you would propose corrective legislation to the 94th Congress, and such legislation is now under consideration within the Executive Branch.

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Based on the foregoing, we recommend that you approve H.R. 7709 before July 1 to avoid any uncertainty about the effective date of the child support program.

  
for Director

Enclosures



**GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

JUN 30 1975

Honorable James T. Lynn  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This is in reply to your request for the views of this Department concerning H.R. 7709, an enrolled enactment

"To continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain istle."

The interest of the Department of Commerce in this legislation is confined to section 1.

Section 1 of the enrolled enactment would amend item 903.90 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States to continue through June 30, 1978 the temporary suspension of duty on processed istle. The amendment would apply with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 5, 1975.

This Department recommends approval by the President of H.R. 7709.

Enactment of this legislation will not involve the expenditure of any funds by this Department.

Sincerely,

*Karl C. Bakke*

General Counsel



OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE  
FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

MEMORANDUM

June 30, 1975

TO: James F. Frey  
Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference  
OMB

FROM: John D. Greenwald *JDG*  
Assistant General Counsel  
STR

SUBJECT: H.R. 7709, an Act to continue for a temporary  
period the existing suspension of duty on  
certain istle and to amend public law 93-647.

Reference is made to your legislative referral of June 27, 1975 requesting the views of this Office on H.R. 7709, an act to continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain istle and to amend public law 93-647.

We have no objection on trade policy grounds to the continuation of the existing duty suspension on certain istle as effected by the first section of H.R. 7709.

The amendment of Public Law 93-647 effected by section 2 of the bill concerns matters not within the jurisdiction of this Office and, accordingly we defer to the views of interested agencies in connection with section 2 of H.R. 7709.





THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE TREASURY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

JUL 2 1975

Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative  
Reference

Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the views of this Department on the enrolled enactment of H.R. 7709, "To continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain istle."

The first section of the enrolled enactment would extend until June 30, 1978, the existing suspension of duty on certain istle provided for in item 903.90 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202). The existing suspension will expire on September 5, 1975.

Istle is not produced domestically in the United States and there are no facilities to process it in this country. Since the duty on processed istle has been continuously suspended since 1957, there will be no loss of revenue or increased administrative costs under the proposed legislation, and no administrative difficulties are anticipated.

Section 2 of the enrolled bill would postpone for one month (from July 1 to August 1, 1975) the effective date of the child support collection and related provisions of the Social Services Amendments of 1974, Public Law 93-647. Most of those provisions are of concern primarily to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), and the Treasury Department defers to the judgment of HEW regarding postponement of the effective date of such provisions. One of the postponed provisions provides for use of tax collection procedures to collect past due child support payments. The Treasury Department strongly objected to that provision (as indicated in the attached enrolled bill report) and supports postponement of its application.

In view of the above, the Department would have no objection to a recommendation that the enrolled enactment of H.R. 7709 be approved by the President.

Sincerely yours,

  
General Counsel

Enclosure

DEC 20 1974

Dear Sir:

This is in response to your request for the Treasury Department's views and recommendation on the enrolled bill H. R. 17045, the "Social Services Amendments of 1974." The enrolled bill amends the Social Security Act to establish a consolidated program of federal financial assistance to encourage the provision of certain services by the individual States. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW), will be the agency principally responsible for administering the provisions under the enrolled bill and therefore, we defer to HEW on the basic provisions of the enrolled bill.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS), however, will have responsibilities under the enrolled bill. The duties of the IRS are designed to assist states in collecting support payments from absent parents, by expanding its role in providing locator information (last address and place of employment) and by making available tax collection procedures.

Section 101(a) of the bill would establish in HEW a parent locator service which would be used to furnish to any authorized person information as to the whereabouts of an absent parent. When an authorized requester transmits a parent's name to HEW, then HEW will provide the requested information from its files or from the files and records maintained by any department of the United States. It is anticipated that the IRS will be the general source of such information.

There are a number of sizeable, technical problems with the parent locator service. In order to retrieve the information required and insure its accuracy the IRS should be furnished with the individual's name and social security number. Although the enrolled bill does not require HEW to give the social security number, Treasury anticipates that an accommodation in this regard will be worked out between the agencies. Moreover, the enrolled bill provides that the IRS will promptly search for the requested information. It is anticipated that such requests could not be processed more frequently than monthly without resulting in delays in tax return processing and issuance of tax refunds. It is anticipated that the timing of such requests will also be worked out between the agencies. Included in the information that the IRS will be required to give is the most recent place of employment of an absent parent. To provide this

information will require substantial amounts of time because employment information cannot be retrieved directly from the master files maintained by the IRS but only from the actual tax return. This means the IRS will have to establish a manual operation to locate the return, record data from the Form W-2 and furnish a reply to the requester. Furthermore, if more than one Form W-2 is attached there is no means for determining which represents the latest place of employment. Finally, the requirements of the locator provision involve the disclosure of tax return information which, except in limited cases, has been kept confidential. The locator provision impliedly overrides section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code which prohibits the disclosure of tax return information except as specifically provided therein. However, the bill does not amend section 6103 to specify an exception for the general authority to seek such information. At some later time, consistent with the Treasury Department's recommendation for changes in the disclosure of tax information, section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code should be amended to permit the disclosure of such information.

Section 101(b)(1) of the bill adds a new section to the Internal Revenue Code which authorizes and requires the IRS to assess and collect certain delinquent support obligations as if such amounts were an employment tax. The bill permits the collection only if there is a court order for support and the state seeking such collection has made reasonable efforts to make such collection. Furthermore, HEW must certify those amounts to the IRS for collection.

The Treasury Department strongly objects to this provision of the bill. The tax collection procedure prescribed in the bill is a summary procedure which does not afford the individual assessed with the safeguards generally provided in other tax collection procedures, such as the 90 day statutory notice and Tax Court review. The bill was amended in Conference to provide certain safeguards for the protection of individuals' rights, such as requiring a court order for support and the stay of collection for 60 days after a claim is first assessed. These summary powers which Congress provided the IRS in order that taxes could be collected in a certain, prompt and efficient manner, should be limited if they are to be introduced into such creditor-debtor disputes. Forcing the IRS to intervene in such disputes will not only create more controversy, but also will reduce the manpower for tax collection, at a time when the IRS is experiencing mounting tax collection delinquencies. Furthermore, we are

concerned that this bill will establish a precedent for using tax collection procedures for other ordinary creditor-debtor disputes such as collecting student loans, alimony, etc.

In summary, the Treasury Department strongly objects to the provisions of the bill which would involve the IRS in the parent locator service and in the collection of delinquent child support. If the bill contained only these provisions, the Treasury Department would unqualifiedly urge its veto. However, we recognize that the bill relates primarily to the jurisdiction of HEW and contains other measures that agency considers desirable. Therefore, while the Treasury Department recommends a veto of the bill because of the tax provisions referred to above, we understand that HEW would prefer its approval. If the bill is approved, HEW should exercise the discretion provided it by the bill to hold to an absolute minimum the problems which the IRS will have thereunder.

There is no revenue gain or loss associated with the enrolled bill since the IRS will be reimbursed for its expenses from the states which request information or collection.

Sincerely yours,

*s/* Frederic W. Hickman

Frederic W. Hickman  
Assistant Secretary

Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Attention: Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference, Legislative  
Reference Division  
Washington, D. C. 20503

JUN 28 1975

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 7709 - Duty suspension on certain istle; temporary postponement of new child support provisions in Social Security Act  
Sponsor - Rep. Clancy (R) Ohio

Last Day for Action

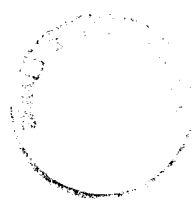
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Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare	Approval
Domestic Council Committee on Privacy	Approval
Department of Commerce	Approval (informal)
Department of Agriculture	Approval (informal)
Department of State	No objection (informal)
Department of the Treasury	No objection (informal)
Office of the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations	No objection to Sec. 1; no comment on Sec. 2 (informal)



To  
J. Cunningham  
6-30-75  
9:00 A.M.

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: June 30

Time: 920am

FOR ACTION: Art Quern  
Max Friedersdorf  
Ken Lazarus  
Dick Parsons

•cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 30

Time: noon

SUBJECT:

H.R. 7709 - Duty suspension on certain istle; temporary  
postponement of new child support provisions in  
Social Security Act

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

*Recommend Approval*

*J. H. Cavanaugh*

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delay in submitting the required material, please  
telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

James H. Cavanaugh  
For the President

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: June 30

Time: 1:30pm

SUBJECT:

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K. R. COLE, JR.  
For the President





DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

JUN 27 1975

Honorable James T. Lynn  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This is in response to Mr. Frey's request for a report on H.R. 7709, an enrolled bill "To continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain istle."

Insofar as it would affect this Department, the bill would delay for thirty days the effective date, now July 1, of certain child support programs established by part B of the Social Services Amendments of 1974. The extension would not apply to a provision of that part under which the United States has consented to the garnishment, for child support and related purposes, of certain moneys payable by it.

Part B amended title IV of the Social Security Act to require all States participating in the program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to carry out a child support and establishment of paternity program. It also amended part A of title IV to require each State to condition AFDC eligibility on the applicant's assignment to the State of her child support rights. A number of States cannot comply with this requirement because they have not as yet enacted the necessary amendments to State law.

In addition, an unintended consequence of the child support assignment provisions enacted by part B is to reduce benefits to families in some sixteen States that pay less than the State-established standard of need.

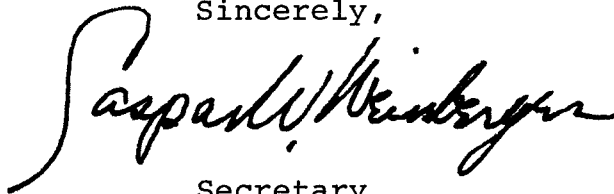
Both of these problems are serious and require prompt congressional attention. On the day prior to the passage



of H.R. 7709 we had informally advised Senator Long's staff, with the approval of your Office, that we supported in concept legislative action to resolve them. On the following day we transmitted to the Congress the Department's draft bill to deal with the benefit reduction.

At no time did we seek, nor do we now welcome, a delay in the effective date of the new child support program, which we remain ready to implement on July 1. Nevertheless, we must now choose between accepting this delay, or disregarding a problem that will substantially disrupt the AFDC program in many States unless corrected. Given this limited choice, we must reluctantly recommend the enrolled bill's approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph W. Weinberger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned centrally below the word "Sincerely,".

Secretary

DOMESTIC COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

June 27, 1975

The Honorable James T. Lynn  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D. C. 20503

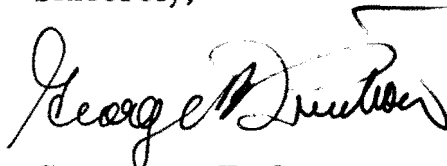
Attn: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This office strongly recommends that the President sign enrolled bill H. R. 7709 which would postpone the effective date of Part B of the 1974 Amendments to the Social Security Act (P. L. 93-647) until August 1, 1975.

Part B of P. L. 93-647, the so-called "Child Support Amendments of 1974," was criticized by the President last January because of the serious privacy and administrative issues that it raises and because of the extent to which it injects the Federal government into family matters. The President promised to submit correcting amendments to the 94th Congress and these are now close to being ready. A 30-day postponement of the effective date of Part B will help to insure that the proposed amendments are given timely consideration.

Sincerely,



George B. Trubow  
General Counsel and  
Acting Executive Director

GBT/crs

## THE WHITE HOUSE

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H.R. 7709 - Duty suspension on certain istle; temporary  
 postponement of new child support provisions in  
 Social Security Act

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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James H. Cavanaugh  
 For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

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No objection.

Ken Lazarus

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James H. Cavanaugh  
For the President

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH

FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.G.*

SUBJECT: H.R. 7709 - Duty suspension on certain istle;  
temporary postponement of new child support  
provisions in Social Security Act

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies  
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

EXTENSION OF EXISTING DUTY SUSPENSION  
ON CERTAIN ISTLE

JUNE 16, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of  
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ULLMAN, from the Committee on Ways and Means,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 7709]

The Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 7709) to continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain istle, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

DESCRIPTION OF PROVISIONS

Subsection (a) of the bill amends the termination date for item 903.90 in the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) from September 5, 1975 to June 30, 1978 to extend the existing suspension of duty on processed istle fiber for an additional temporary period.

Subsection (b) of the bill applies the amendment to articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption after September 5, 1975.

GENERAL STATEMENT

The existing suspension of duty on processed istle fiber has been extended by various public laws since it was originally enacted by Public Law 85-284 on September 4, 1957. The duty suspension was last extended on August 16, 1973 by Public Law 93-99 for an additional period through September 5, 1975. Crude istle fiber is permanently free of duty.

Both the column 1 rate of duty (applicable to imports from countries accorded nondiscriminatory (MFN) tariff treatment) and the column 2 rates (applicable to imports from countries not accorded MFN treatment) on item 192.70 of the TSUS are suspended. If the

suspension were not extended, processed istle fiber would be dutiable under both column 1 and column 2 at the rate of 20 percent ad valorem.

Istle fiber is a vegetable fiber derived from several species of the agave plant, which is indigenous to Mexico. There is no domestic production of crude istle. Furthermore, there is no known domestic production of processed istle fibers, which are used primarily in the manufacture of a wide range of high-quality industrial brushes.

The duty suspension has allowed domestically produced istle-fiber articles to remain competitive with imported brushes. Istle fibers do not compete directly with domestically produced synthetic fibers because of their relatively high cost and absorbent quality.

Imports of processed istle amounted to 4.6 million pounds valued at \$3.1 million in 1973, and 5.4 million pounds valued at \$4.1 million in 1974. Virtually all U.S. imports of this commodity come from Mexico.

Favorable reports have been received from the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations and the Departments of Commerce, Labor, State, and Treasury on continuation of the duty suspension. The International Trade Commission submitted an information report.

Public hearings were held by the Subcommittee on Trade of the Committee on Ways and Means on April 23 and 24, 1975 on duty-free entry and temporary duty suspension bills. During these hearings favorable testimony and written comments were received on H.R. 5766, a bill similar to H.R. 7709. No objections to this legislation have been received by the committee from any source.

Your committee believes H.R. 7709 to be meritorious and unani- mously urges its approval.

**EFFECT OF THE BILL ON THE REVENUES AND VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE IN REPORTING THE BILL**

In compliance with clause 7 of rule XIII of the rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is made relative to the effect on the revenues of this bill. Your committee estimates that the extension of the existing suspension of duty on processed istle fiber would not result in any additional loss of revenue or administrative costs.

In compliance with clause 2(1)(2)(B) of rule XI of the rules of the House of Representatives, the following statement is made relative to the vote by the committee on the motion to report the bill. This bill was unanimously ordered favorably reported by the committee.

**OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE DISCUSSED UNDER HOUSE RULES**

In compliance with clauses 2(1)(3) and 2(1)(4) of rule XI of the rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are made.

With regard to subdivision (A) of clause 3 relating to oversight findings, your committee advises that in its review of the present economic situation with respect to processed istle fiber, it concluded it would be desirable to enact legislation extending the existing sus- pension of duties on imports of processed istle fiber for an additional temporary period, by reason of the considerations outlined above in the General Statement.

In compliance with subdivision (B) of clause 3, your committee states that the changes made in present law by this bill involve no new budgetary authority or new or increased tax expenditures.

With respect to subdivisions (C) and (D) of clause 3, your commit- tee advises that no estimate or comparison has been prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office relative to H.R. 7709, nor have any oversight findings or recommendations been submitted to the committee by the Committee on Government Operations with respect to the subject matter contained in the bill.

In compliance with clause (2)(1)(4) of rule XI, your committee states that the extension of the temporary suspension of duties on imports under this bill would not have an inflationary impact on prices and costs in the operation of the general economy.

**CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED**

In compliance with clause 3 of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as re- ported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

TARIFF SCHEDULES OF THE UNITED STATES

APPENDIX TO THE TARIFF SCHEDULES

Item	Articles	Rates of duty		Effective period
		1	2	
	Subpart B.—Temporary Provisions Amending the Tariff Schedules			
903.90	Istle, processed (provided for in item 192.70, part 15G, schedule 1).	Free	Free	On or before <b>9/5/75</b> 8/30/78.





# Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

## An Act

To continue for a temporary period the existing suspension of duty on certain  
istle.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) item  
903.90 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States  
(19 U.S.C. 1202) is amended by striking out "9/5/75" and inserting  
in lieu thereof "6/30/78".*

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with  
respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for con-  
sumption after September 5, 1975.

SEC. 2. Section 101(f) of Public Law 93-647 is amended by strik-  
ing "July 1, 1975" and inserting in lieu thereof "August 1, 1975".

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*

June 27, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on June 27th:

S.J. Res. 98 ✓	H.R. 1421 ✓	H.R. 3382 ✓
S. 2003 ✓	H.R. 1510 ✓	H.R. 3526 ✓
H.R. 1387 ✓	H.R. 1556 ✓	H.R. 5217 ✓
H.B. 1388 ✓	H.R. 1649 ✓	H.R. 6900 ✓
H.R. 1393 ✓	H.R. 2169 ✓	H.R. 7709 ✓
H.R. 1408 ✓	H.R. 2119 ✓	H.R. 8030 ✓
H.B. 1410 ✓	H.R. 2946 ✓	

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder  
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Washington, D. C.