

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress¹**

[Date approved: October 11, 2006]²

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3252 (Mr. Bill Frist of Tennessee on behalf of Mrs. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina).

Proponent name, location: National Council of Textile Organizations, Washington, DC.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2009.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

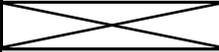
Filament tow of rayon (provided for in heading 5502.00.00).

Check one: Same as that in bill as introduced.
 Different from that in bill as introduced (see Technical comments section).

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

According to the proponent, the subject product, filament fiber tow of rayon, is used in a variety of textile and nonwoven applications, including mattresses, baby wipes, upholstery, medical products, and arts and crafts. This tow is not produced domestically but is imported from various countries, including Spain and China.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 5502.00.00					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Col. 1-General rate of duty	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%	7.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$579,900	\$579,900	\$579,900	\$579,900	\$579,900
Customs revenue loss	\$43,493	\$43,493	\$43,493	\$43,493	\$43,493

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry estimates.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Elizabeth Nesbitt (202-205-3355); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://usitc.gov/tata/hts/other/rel_doc/bill_reports/index.htm.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
National Council of Textile Organizations (Proponent) Missy Branson, 202-822-8026	08/10/2006	No	No	No
	08/17/2006			
	08/23/2006			
National Textiles Association David Trumball, 617-542-8220	07/28/2006	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

Because heading 5502.00.00 is not subdivided into narrower 6- or 8-digit categories, the proposed article description should be modified to correct the HTS reference. We suggest tracking the language of the heading as closely as possible; inclusion of the word “fiber” might cause confusion and suggest an overlap with heading 5504.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 3252

To suspend temporarily the duty on filament fiber tow of rayon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 26, 2006

Mr. FRIST (for Mrs. DOLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on filament fiber tow of
rayon.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FILAMENT FIBER TOW OF RAYON.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
7 new heading:

“	9902.55.02	Filament fiber tow of rayon (provided for in subheading 5502.00.90)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

