



MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/.
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

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

Image projectors incorporating sound reproducing apparatus and capable of projecting images onto a ceiling or wall, the foregoing designed to soothe or entertain infants (provided for in subheading 9008.50.40)

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports

These devices are battery-powered articles designed to soothe or entertain infants by projecting soothing or entertaining images onto the ceiling or wall and playing soothing sounds such as lullabies, classical music, or nature sounds. It is estimated that China is the source of virtually all imports of these articles.

S. 2559 uses the same article description as H.R. 4456, but refers to a subheading in the 2011 HTS that was superseded in the 2012 HTS.

IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue

Subject product HTS subheading(s)	9008.50.40				
Item	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Col.1-general rate of duty (%) or percentage point reduction	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Estimated value of <i>dutiable</i> imports (\$)	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000	5,200,000
Customs revenue loss (\$)	239,200	239,200	239,200	239,200	239,200

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) Temporary rate (%) Percentage point reduction (%)

V. Technical comments

The description was reordered to describe the subject goods more clearly. The reference to "audio player" was changed to "sound reproduction apparatus" to be consistent with the descriptions of similar goods in the HTS. The word "with" was changed to "incorporating," to indicate that the sound recording apparatus was part of the article, rather than a separate article shipped with a projector.

VI. Continuation

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VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations

	# Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
1	Fisher-Price (interested entity) Tom St. Maxens	202-833-4466	No	No	No
2	Buy, Buy, Baby Sarah Gregory	908-855-4575	No	No	No
3	Toys-R-Us Nicole Lehr	973-617-4655	No	No	No
4	Homedics Ron Ferber	248-863-3000	No	No	No
5	Target Jennifer Okerlund	612-304-6073	No	No	No
6	Tiny Love Ann Schwartz	212-967-2172	No	No	No
7	Tomy Greg Kilrea	630-573-7200	No	No	No
8	Toy Industry Association Barry Levy	212-425-0055	No	No	No
9	Wal-Mart Sarah Thorne	479-273-4000	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4456

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain infants' products.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 19, 2012

Mr. HIGGINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain infants' products.

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. CERTAIN INFANTS' PRODUCTS.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Image projectors capable of projecting images onto a ceiling or wall, the foregoing each imported with audio player and designed to soothe or entertain infants (provided for in subheading 9008.50.40)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
4 the date of enactment of this Act.

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