MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: October 11, 2005]

Bill No. and sponsor: HR 2598 (Mr. David G. Reichert of Washington).

Proponent name, location: PACCAR Inc., Bellevue, WA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): HR 2596.

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

Retroactive effect: None

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

Leaf spring leaves of alloy steel of grades SAE5160, SAE5160H, or SAE51B60H, each measuring from 132 cm to 163 cm in length and approximately 10.2 cm in width (provided for in subheading 7320.10.60), the foregoing designed for multi-leaf or taper-leaf construction units, each leaf weighing approximately from 40.8 kg to 113.4 kg, and designed for use in Class 7 and 8 trucks only.

Check one: X Same as that in bill as introduced.

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

The subject leaf spring leaves are those made of alloy steel and to specific dimensions. Two or more individual leaves are assembled, in taper- or multi-leaf construction, into a leaf spring with the weight range indicated in the bill. In a taper-leaf product, the leaf is generally thicker at the center and gradually thinner toward the edges; in a multi-leaf product, several leaves are clamped together to form a unit.

Such imported leaves are custom designed and produced by a standard process in Japan and shipped to the United States. The proponent supplies original equipment and after-market components for the suspension systems for heavy (Class 7 and 8) commercial trucks.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<th>HTS subheading: 7320.10.60</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty AVE</td>
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<td>Estimated value &lt;br&gt; dutiable imports &lt;br&gt;$5,000,000 to $10,000,000</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss &lt;br&gt;$160,000 to $320,000</td>
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Source of estimated dutiable import data: Industry information; precise data related to the proponent are considered by that firm to be confidential.

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

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
<th>Date contacted</th>
<th>US production of same or competitive product claimed?</th>
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<tr>
<td>PACCAR Inc. (bill proponent) Paul Heffernan, 425-468-7479</td>
<td>8/16/2005</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Samuels International Associates Inc. Andrew Durant, 202-223-7683</td>
<td>8/16/2005</td>
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<td>MCT International Max Turnipseed, 225-338-0310</td>
<td>8/16-23/2005</td>
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<td>Mitsui &amp; Co. (USA) Inc. Geri Booher, 206-223-5642</td>
<td>8/22/2005</td>
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Technical comments: 5 None.

5 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.
H. R. 2598

To suspend temporarily the duty on steel leaf spring leaves.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2005

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on steel leaf spring leaves.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. STEEL LEAF SPRING LEAVES.

(a) In general.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following new heading:

Leaf spring leaves of alloy steel of grades SAE5160, SAE5160H or SAE51B60H, each measuring from 132 cm to 163 cm in length and approximately 10.2 cm in width (provided for in subheading 7320.10.60), the foregoing for multi-leaf or taper-leaf construction units, each leaf weighing from 40.8 kg to 113.4 kg and designed for use in Class 7 and 8 trucks only ........................................ Free No change No change On or before 12/31/2009 

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after the date of the enactment of this Act.