MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: August 2, 2006]

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 2715 (Mrs. Blanche Lincoln, AR).

Proponent name, location: Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, AR.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): H.R. 3676.3


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Radiobroadcast receivers capable of operating without an external source of power, incorporating a clock or clock-timer (provided for in subheading 8527.19.50).

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

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

These goods are radiobroadcast receivers capable of operating without an external source of power (portable) that contain a clock or clock timer. China is the primary source of U.S. imports of these products.

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

<table>
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<th>HTS subheading: 8527.19.50</th>
<th>2006</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2008</th>
<th>2009</th>
<th>2010</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty</td>
<td>3%</td>
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<td>Estimated value</td>
<td>dutiable imports</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss</td>
<td>$855,000</td>
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1 Industry analyst preparing report: John Kitzmiller (202-205-3387); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).
3 Commission staff have not been asked to prepare a bill report on this proposed legislation.
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.

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

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
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<th>Claim US makes same or competing product(s)?</th>
<th>Submission attached?</th>
<th>Opposition noted?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. (Proponent) Tres Bailey</td>
<td>05/24/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Bose Corp. Walter Raheb</td>
<td>06/06/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Consumer Electronics Association Sean Wargo</td>
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**Technical comments:**

It is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1 in order to track the language of the permanent tariff category more closely.
A BILL

To temporarily suspend the duty on certain clock radio combos.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
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4 SECTION 1. CLOCK RADIO COMBOS.
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6 (a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
9 new heading:

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9902.85.27 Reception apparatus for
radiotelephony, radiotelegraphy or radio
broadcasting, containing a
clock or clock timer (pro-
vided for in subheading
8527.19.50) ................ Free No change No change On or before
12/31/2009 ".
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2  
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 the enactment of this Act.

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