MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: September 28, 2006]1

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3749 (Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California).

Proponent name, location: Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA.

Other bills on product (109th Congress only): S. 3120.3


Retroactive effect: None.

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

Parts or accessories of instruments or apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, such instruments or apparatus specially designed for telecommunications (provided for in subheading 9030.90.88) (but not including subassemblies containing one or more printed circuit assemblies for such instruments or apparatus (provided for in subheading 9030.90.88)).

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:

The subject products are various parts and accessories that are used in instruments and apparatus that measure and check electrical quantities for telecommunications, excluding subassemblies containing one or more printed circuit assemblies and specially designed for telecommunications (provided for in subheading 9030.90.88). Leading U.S. import suppliers of products classified in this HTS subheading include Australia, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.
Estimated effect on customs revenue:

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<th>HTS subheading: 9030.90.88</th>
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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Estimated value of dutiable imports</td>
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<td>Customs revenue loss</td>
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Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

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<th>Name of firm/organization</th>
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<tr>
<td>Agilent Technologies (Proponent) Mr. Robert Kyle, 202-637-5494</td>
<td>08/03/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>American Electronics Association (AEA) Mr. John Palafoutas, 202-682-9110</td>
<td>08/16/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>ComSonics, Inc. Mr. Bret Harrison, 540-434-5965</td>
<td>08/15/2006</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Test Products International, Inc. Mr. Joseph Covin, 503-520-9197</td>
<td>08/15/2006</td>
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Technical comments: 4

It is suggested that the article description be modified as shown on page 1, to match normal tariff usage more closely and to specify more clearly the goods that are excluded.

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4 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.
A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain parts and accessories for measuring or checking instruments.

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

SECTION 1. CERTAIN PARTS AND ACCESSORIES FOR MEAS-
URING OR CHECKING INSTRUMENTS.

(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:
(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.