MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 109th Congress

[Date approved: September 28, 2006]

Bill No. and sponsor: S. 3751 (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)):

Subassemblies containing one or more printed circuit assemblies for instruments or apparatus for measuring or checking electrical quantities, such instruments or apparatus specially designed for telecommunications (provided for in subheading 9030.90.88).

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:

The subject products are subassemblies containing one or more printed circuit assemblies that are used in instruments and apparatus that measure and check electrical quantities for telecommunications. Leading U.S. import suppliers of products classified under this subheading include Australia, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

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1 Industry analyst preparing report: Linda White (202-205-3427); Tariff Affairs contact: Jan Summers (202-205-2605).
3 S. 3751 and S. 3749 replace S. 3120, which was introduced by Mrs. Dianne Feinstein of California on behalf of Agilent Technologies of Palo Alto, California.
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.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

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<td>Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE)</td>
<td>1.7%</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:**

It is suggested that the description be modified slightly as shown on page 1 for grammatical clarity; it is the finished instruments or apparatus, rather than the subassemblies, that are specially designed for telecommunications.

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S. 3751

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain subassemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27 (legislative day, JULY 26), 2006

MRS. FEINSTEIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain subassemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications.

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 SUBASSEMBLIES FOR MEASURING
4 EQUIPMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

5 (a) In General.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following
8 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.