

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3401

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women’s water resistant pants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2006

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

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women’s water
resistant pants.

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 WOMEN’S WATER RESISTANT PANTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) Chapter 61 of the Harmonized Tariff
6 Schedule of the United States is amended by insert-
7 ing in numerical sequence, the following statistical
8 note:

9 “7. For the purposes of subheadings 6103.43.15,
10 6104.63.20, and 6113.00.90, the term ‘performance out-
11 erwear pants’ means ankle length pants of water resistant

1 synthetic fabrics, containing at least two of the following
 2 characteristics: side openings, sealed seams at the front
 3 (up to the zipper or other means of closure) and the back
 4 rise, insulation for cold weather protection, at least one
 5 pocket with a means of closure (zippered or hook and loop
 6 enclosed pockets or other type of enclosed pockets), scuff
 7 guards, elasticized or drawstring weather closure around
 8 the waist or ankles, articulated knees, or reinforcement
 9 in the seat or knees. The term ‘water resistant’ means
 10 a garment, notwithstanding classification, that would oth-
 11 erwise pass the test for water resistance described in U.S.
 12 note 2 to chapter 62. The term ‘sealed seams’ means a
 13 seam that is sealed by means of taping, gluing, bonding,
 14 cementing, or similar processes for the purpose of water-
 15 proofing the seam.”.

16 (2) Subchapter II of chapter 99 of the Har-
 17 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
 18 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the fol-
 19 lowing new heading:

“	9902.61.04	Women’s performance outerwear pants containing less than 5 percent by weight of elastomeric yarn or rubber thread described in statistical note 7 to chapter 61 (provided for in subheading 6104.63.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2009	”.
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20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 21 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from

- 1 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after
- 2 the date of the enactment of this Act.

