

109TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3401

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

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## 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

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## A BILL

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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.".

“ 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21 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from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.

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