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# S. 2587

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain women's knit-to-shape blouses and shirts.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 30, 2009

Mrs. HUTCHISON 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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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 KNIT-TO-SHAPE BLOUSES  
4                   AND SHIRTS.**

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:

“	9902.01.00	Knit-to-shape blouses and shirts for women, of wool or fine animal hair, as described in U.S. note 21(a) to this subchapter (provided for in subheading 6106.90.10) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2011	”.
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1 (b) AMENDMENTS TO U.S. NOTES.—

“21. (a) Headings [9902.01.00 through 9902.XX.XX] cover only garments that were knit to shape on flat knitting machines with a stitch count exceeding 9 stitches per 2 centimeters but less than or equal to 18 stitches per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer surface of the fabric forming the exterior surface of the garment in the direction on which the stitches are formed. Whenever such fabric is formed using both knit and purl stitches, the purl stitches will be disregarded and only the knit stitches on the outer surface of the fabric will be counted. In order to be eligible for entry under these headings—

18               “(1) all of the garment’s component parts, in-  
19               cluding any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and  
20               pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

1           “(2) all of the garment’s components must have  
2        been assembled by looping and linking, including the  
3        side seams.

4           “(b) Headings **【9902.01.00 through 9902.XX.XX】**  
5        cover only garments that were knit to shape on flat knit-  
6        ting machines with a stitch count not exceeding 9 stitches  
7        per 2 centimeters, measured on the outer surfaces of the  
8        fabric forming the exterior surface of the garment in the  
9        direction on which the stitches are formed. Whenever such  
10      fabric is formed using both knit and purl stitches, the purl  
11      stitches will be disregarded and only the knit stitches on  
12      the outer surface of the fabric will be counted. In order  
13      to be eligible for entry under these headings—

14           “(1) all of the garment’s component parts, in-  
15        cluding any collars, plackets, cuffs, waistbands and  
16        pockets, must have been knit to shape; and

17           “(2) all of the garment’s components must have  
18        been assembled by looping and linking, including the  
19        side seams.”.

20           (2) TECHNICAL CORRECTION.—Such sub-  
21        chapter is further amended by striking the first U.S.  
22        note 18 to such subchapter (relating to headings  
23        9902.14.01 through 9902.14.05) and inserting after  
24        U.S. note 19, the following new U.S. Note:

1        “20. For the purposes of subheadings 9902.14.01,  
2 9902.14.02, 9902.14.03, 9902.14.04, and 9902.14.05, the  
3 term ‘mechanics’ work gloves’ means gloves having the fol-  
4 lowing characteristics: synthetic leather palms and fingers;  
5 fourchettes of synthetic leather or of fabric in part of  
6 nylon or elastomeric yarn; backs comprising either one  
7 layer of knitted fabric in part of elastomeric yarn or three  
8 layers with the outer layer of knitted fabric in part of elas-  
9 tomeric yarn, the center layer of foam and the inner layer  
10 of tricot fabric, the foregoing whether or not including a  
11 thermoplastic rubber logo or pad on the back; and elastic  
12 wrist straps with molded thermoplastic rubber hook-and-  
13 loop enclosures.”.

14        (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 this section apply to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
16 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

