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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 1967

Mrs. DWYER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To provide for orderly trade in textile articles.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That this Act may be cited as the "Textile Trade Act of
4 1967".

5 SEC. 2. The Congress finds that the program for orderly
6 trade in textile articles instituted by the President in 1961
7 has not been fully implemented. Imports of textile articles
8 have grown two and one-half times since that year, with
9 particular concentration and disruption in certain areas. Such
10 imports contribute to reduced employment opportunities for
11 United States workers in the domestic textile industry. In-

1 ternational agreements already exist for orderly trade in
2 cotton textiles and numerous agreements between countries
3 other than the United States exist for trade in textile articles
4 of other fibers as well as cotton.

5 It is, therefore, declared to be the policy of Congress
6 that access to the United States market for foreign produced
7 textile articles should be on an equitable and orderly basis
8 consistent with the maintenance of a strong and expanding
9 United States textile industry and designed to avoid the
10 disruption of United States markets and the unemployment
11 of United States textile workers.

12 SEC. 3. The President is authorized and directed to
13 undertake negotiations with other Governments for the pur-
14 pose of consummating agreements to provide orderly trade
15 in textile articles, including the quantitative limitation of
16 imports of all such articles into the United States. Such
17 agreements and the authority contained in section 4 shall
18 limit the annual importation of each category of textile
19 articles to the share of the United States consumption of
20 such category supplied by imported textile articles during
21 a representative historical period of not less than one calendar
22 year prior to the year 1967, as determined by the President.
23 Such representative historical period shall be the same for
24 all countries and all categories of textile articles. The Presi-
25 dent shall have full authority to determine the share of total

1 imports of any category of textile articles which may be
2 supplied by any country to the United States on the basis
3 of historical patterns of such imports, the interests of develop-
4 ing countries, and such other factors affecting trade in such
5 categories as he deems appropriate.

6 SEC. 4. To effectuate the purposes of section 3, when
7 agreements exist which cover a significant portion of the
8 United States imports of textile articles, the President shall
9 by proclamation limit the quantity of such articles desig-
10 nated by categories which may be imported from any country
11 or countries not parties to such agreements.

12 SEC. 5. After one hundred and eighty days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the total quantity of
14 imports of each category of textile articles not subject to
15 an agreement or agreements negotiated pursuant to section
16 3 or to proclamations issued under section 4 shall be limited
17 during any calendar year to the average annual quantity
18 of such articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for
19 consumption during the six calendar years 1961-1966. The
20 total quantities of any textile article which may be entered,
21 or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption during the
22 balance of the calendar year in which this section becomes
23 effective shall be equal to that proportionate share of the
24 average annual imports of such article for the years 1961-
25 1966 which the number of days remaining in the calendar

1 year bears to three hundred and sixty-five. Beginning with
2 the calendar year following the year in which this section
3 becomes effective the total quantity of any category of textile
4 articles which may be entered, or withdrawn from ware-
5 house, for consumption in that year and each succeeding
6 calendar year shall be increased or decreased by an amount
7 corresponding to the increase or decrease (if more than 5
8 per centum) in the United States consumption of such
9 category during the preceding calendar year compared with
10 the year previous thereto, except that the amount of such
11 increase in any category of textile article which may be
12 entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption dur-
13 ing any calendar year shall not exceed 10 per centum of
14 the amount of such increase in United States consumption
15 of such category.

16 SEC. 6. Nothing contained in this Act shall affect in any
17 way quantitative import limitations established pursuant to
18 international agreements, either multilateral or bilateral,
19 which were in effect on July 1, 1967, so long as such agree-
20 ments remain in force and effect and are enforced by the
21 United States in a manner which controls imports to the
22 minimum amounts permitted under such agreements.

23 SEC. 7. As used in this Act—

24 (a) The term "textile articles" includes top, yarn,
25 fabric, apparel, man-made staple fiber, filaments, and fila-

1 ment yarns, and all other textile manufactures, whether spun,
2 woven, knit, felted, bonded, or otherwise manufactured of
3 cotton, wool, or man-made fiber, or any combination or
4 blend thereof or in combination with other fibers.

5 (b) The term "category" means a type or class of
6 textile articles such as staple fiber, yarn, fabric, apparel,
7 made up goods, or other article, whether based on count,
8 construction, style, weight, value, or other characteristic.

9 (c) The term "textile industry" includes all establish-
10 ments engaged in the production of textile articles.

11 SEC. 8. The President may issue such regulations as
12 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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