

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2164

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain compound optical microscopes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2000

Mr. DURBIN 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. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON CER-**  
4 **TAIN COMPOUND OPTICAL MICROSCOPES.**

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:

“	9902.98.07	Compound optical microscopes; whether or not stereoscopic and whether or not provided with a means for photographing the image; especially designed for semiconductor inspection; with full encapsulation of all moving parts above the stage; meeting “cleanroom class 1” criteria; having a horizontal distance between the optical axis and C-shape microscope stand of 8” or more; and fitted with special microscope stages having a lateral movement range of 6” or more in each direction and containing special sample holders for semiconductor wafers, devices and masks (provided for in heading 9011) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2004	”.
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1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
 2 subsection (a) applies with respect to goods entered, or  
 3 withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after  
 4 the date that is 15 days after the date of the enactment  
 5 of this Act.

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