required by present law to be marked with the name of the country of origin must be similarly marked by the repackager, whether the importer, distributor, retailer, or other handler of the merchandise. Goods in packages not so marked would be subject to seizure and forfeiture. The requirement could be waived only where found to be necessary to prevent undue delay and hindrances to trade. The burdens the bill would impose are unnecessary because the Federal Trade Commission requires the disclosure of the foreign origin of repackaged imported articles when it is in the public interest to do so.

The United States and other principal trading nations of the world have recognized that burdensome marking requirements can be a hindrance to trade and have agreed to the principle that such hindrances should be reduced to a minimum. H.R. 5054 might well result in successive domestic handlers requiring written assurances of proper marking in order to avoid the severe penalty of seizure and forfeiture. The cost and the complications involved in such cumbersome paperwork would tend to discourage such imports. Moreover, this measure could prove overly damaging to our export-expansion efforts, for needlessly restrictive action on our part could readily lead to similarly restrictive action by other countries against American goods.

In addition, the bill would unnecessarily extend the Bureau of Customs into new areas by requiring the Bureau to follow goods after they have entered the stream of domestic commerce and to act against the goods to avoid the severe penalty of seizure and forfeiture. The cost and the complications involved in such cumbersome paperwork would tend to discourage such imports. Moreover, this measure could prove overly damaging to our export-expansion efforts, for needlessly restrictive action on our part could readily lead to similarly restrictive action by other countries against American goods.

For these reasons I am withholding my approval of H.R. 5054.

Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The White House, September 8, 1960.

H.R. 7242, Bankruptcy Act—Statutory Liens

I have withheld my approval of H.R. 7242, to amend sections 1, 57(f), 64(a)(5), 67b, 67c, and 70c of the Bankruptcy Act, and for other further purposes.

I recognize the need for legislation to solve certain problems regarding the priority of liens in bankruptcy, but this bill is not a satisfactory solution. It would unduly and unfairly prejudice the sound administration of Federal tax laws. In some cases, for example, mortgages would be given an unwarranted priority over Federal tax liens even though the mortgage is recorded after the filing of the tax lien.

This and other defects of the bill can, I believe, be corrected without compromising its primary and commendable purpose. The Treasury Department and the proponents of H.R. 7242 have been working toward solution of recognized problems in present law. Further cooperative efforts should produce satisfactory legislation that would avoid the undesirable effects of the present provisions.

Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The White House, September 8, 1960.

H.R. 7618, H. P. Lambert Co., Inc., and Southeastern Drilling Corp.

I am withholding my approval from H.R. 7618, a bill for the relief of H. P. Lambert Co., Inc., and Southeastern Drilling Corp.

The bill would waive the applicable statute of limitations and permit a claim for refund of duty paid on certain nondutiable equipment imported into the United States.

The claimants asserted that certain oilfield equipment be entered under provisions of the Tariff Act of 1913 duty-free status to property originally manufactured in the United States. The equipment was admitted duty-free after the Lambert Co., the brokerage firm in the case, had posted a bond to assure maintenance of the documentation required to establish U.S. origin. At the request of the brokerage firm, the time covered by the bond was extended on several occasions. At the end of 2 years,
and when no further request for extension had been received, customs officials personally contacted the firm and advised that the duty would be payable if the requisite documentation were not furnished promptly. Despite this notice and despite a subsequent assessment of the duty, of which the broker firm was apprised and which it could have protested within 60 days, the Lambert Co. failed to produce proof of U.S. origin until after its consideration was barred by applicable laws and regulations. 

For these reasons I am unable to approve this bill.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
THE WHITE HOUSE, September 14, 1960.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2491. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a copy of a report entitled "Project Twenty-Twelve," which is a program for the Bureau of Land Management until the year 1972, to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

2492. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, dated August 3, 1960, submitting a report, together with accompanying papers and an illustration, on an interim report on Raritan River, N.J., submitted by the Committee on Rivers and Harbors, House of Representatives, adopted November 13, 1945 (H. Doc. No. 465); to the Committee on Public Works and ordered to be printed with one illustration.

2493. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, relative to reporting that an adequate soil survey and land classification of the lands in the Weber Basin project, Utah, has been completed as a part of the investigations required in the formulation of a definite plan for development, pursuant to Public Law 172, 82d Congress; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2494. A letter from the Deputy Administrator, Veterans' Administration, transmitting a report of the tort claims paid by the Veterans' Administration during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1960, pursuant to Public Law 601, 78th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

2495. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting a letter from the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, dated August 25, 1960, submitting a report, together with accompanying papers and illustrations, on a cooperative beach erosion control study of Imperial Beach, San Diego County, Calif., appendix IV, phase 2, prepared under the provisions of section 3 of the River and Harbor Act approved July 3, 1930, as amended and supplemented, and in compliance with Public Law 525, 79th Congress and Public Law 550, 79th Congress; transmittal letter from the Committee on Public Works and ordered to be printed with 14 illustrations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. BROOKS of Louisiana: Committee on Science and Astronautics; report on activities of the Committee on Science and Astronautics, without amendment (Rept. No. 2215). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COOLEY: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 12720. A bill to amend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954; with amendment (Rept. No. 2316). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WILSON of California: Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. H.R. 7837. A bill to amend section 1(14) (a) of the Interstate Commerce Act to authorize the adequacy of the national railroad freight car supply, and for other purposes: without amendment (Rept. No. 2217). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MORGAN: Committee on Foreign Affairs. Report on relations of United States with Panama (Rept. No. 2209). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COOLEY: Committee on Government Operations. Twenty-seventh report of the Committee on Government Operations (Rept. No. 2220). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. COOLEY: Committee on Government Operations. Twenty-eighth report of the Committee on Government Operations (Rept. No. 2221). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MORGAN: Committee on Government Operations. Twenty-ninth report of the Committee on Government Operations (Rept. No. 2222). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. BONNER: Committee of conference. H.R. 13238. A bill to amend the Agriculture Act of 1960, to carry out the Middle East food program and the World Food Program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 2223). Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 4 of rule XXVI, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. BRADEMS: H.R. 13238. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to make certain technical revisions in the income, excise, and administrative provisions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BROWN of Missouri: H.R. 13237. A bill to provide for adjustments in the lands or interests therein acquired for purposes of the Public Works and Harbor project, Arkansas-Missouri, by the reconveyance of certain lands or interests therein to the former owners of their title or equitable interests; to the Committee on Public Works.

By Mr. DERWINSKI: H.R. 13238. A bill to amend the Mutual Security Act of 1954 to authorize the donation of not to exceed $1 million of surplus agricultural commodities and other property surplus to the needs of the United States for relief of flood victims in Poland; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HARMON: H.R. 13239. A bill to amend section 359 of title 39, United States Code, to provide for classified newspaper shall regularly file with the Postmaster General, and publish a report detailing the space devoted in such newspaper to each candidate for public office and to each political party; to the Post Office and Civil Service.

By Mr. LINDSAY: H.R. 13240. A bill to amend title V of the Social Security Act to strengthen and improve the child-welfare services program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 13241. A bill to supplement the Internal Revenue Code of 1954; to complete economic freedom and thus remove the cause of the "class struggle" between employers and employees; to solve the tax-wage-price-profit problem; to pay cash aid to the needy to enable them to buy food clothing and shelter, and to pay their medical bills; and to solve the farm problem and thereby to enable the high farm producers to market; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MEADER: H.R. 13242. A bill providing that the President shall issue a proclamation in every even-numbered year calling upon the American people to display the flag of the United States at some consecrated day; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 13243. A bill to amend the Budget and Accounting Act, 1921, to require that the executive departments and agencies be furnished congressional committees; to the Committee on Government Operations.

By Mr. MONAGAN: H.R. 13244. A bill to provide for the establishment, under the National Science Foundation, of a National Science Academy; to the Committee on Science and Astronautics.

By Mr. OLIVER: H.R. 13245. A bill to provide for the conveyance to the State of Maine of certain lands located in such State; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ROBINSON: H.R. 13246. A bill to create the Freedom Commission for the development of the science of counterintelligence to the world Communist conspiracy and for the training and development of leaders in a total political war; to the Committee on Un-American Activities.

By Mr. ROGERS of Florida: H.R. 13247. A bill to amend the Sugar Act of 1960, to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. THOMPSON of New Jersey: H.R. 13248. A bill to implement the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, opened for signature at Lake Success on November 22, 1950; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WIER: H.R. 13249. A bill to amend section 33 of the Federal Employees' Compensation Act so as to provide a system of safety rules, inspection, and safety enforcement and training, and for other purposes. (This act may be cited as the Federal Employees Safety Act); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. WILLIAMS (by request): H.R. 13250. A bill to amend the Interstate Commerce Act to provide that disabled persons meeting certain requirements may not