



## MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION of the 112th Congress

Date approved

### I. Background

Bill number:

Sponsor name:

Sponsor state:

Interested entity:

Name

City

State

Other bills on product (112th Congress only):

Nature of bill:

Expiration date:

Current or previous chapter 99 heading:

Retroactive date:

CAS number (if applicable):

Industry analyst:

Telephone:

Tariff Affairs contact:

Telephone:

Note:

1. Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at [http://www.usitc.gov/tariff\\_affairs/congress\\_reports/](http://www.usitc.gov/tariff_affairs/congress_reports/).
2. In regard to the country(ies) of origin listed in section III, this report focuses on dutiable imports and does not take into account any tariff preference programs or special rates of duty.

**II. Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Glass snow globes, valued over \$0.30 but not over \$3 each, the foregoing not constituting festive articles (provided for in subheading 7013.99.50).

(If enacted, the tariff relief provided for in this bill would be available to any entity that imports the product that is covered by the bill.)

Description above compared with bill as introduced:

- Same
 Different (see Technical Comments section)

**III. Other product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports**

The subject products are decorative glass snow globes that do not have holiday themes and, with the stated range of values, are not generally collectible items. These globes (in a variety of sizes and shapes) are filled with plastic or metallic glitter flakes in an aqueous liquid that submerges the figurine, object, or scenery of plastic or other materials that are attached to the base. Shaking or inverting the snow globe stirs up the flakes, which settle slowly in the liquid when the globe is returned to its original upright position, thus creating the effect of snow or confetti falling upon the figurine, object, or scenery inside. Imports of these products come primarily from China.

**IV. Estimated effect on customs revenue**

Table with 6 columns: Subject product HTS subheading(s), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017. Rows include Col.1-general rate of duty, Estimated value of dutiable imports, and Customs revenue loss.

Note: Customs revenue loss is provided for 5 years, although the effective period of the proposed legislation may differ. Regarding the HTS subheading listed in the article description of the bill, the Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only U.S. Customs and Border Protection is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that Customs should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

Dutiable imports were based on (more than one may apply):

- Official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce
 Provided by industry sources
 Industry information
 Commission estimates

Duty reduction notes:

- This bill is not a duty reduction
 This bill is a temporary duty reduction. Rates are shown below.

Col.1-general duty rate (%) [ ] Temporary rate (%) [ ] Percentage point reduction (%) [ ]

**V. Technical comments**

None

**VI. Continuation**

None

**VII. Contacts with domestic firms/organizations**

	#	Firm/organization and contact name	Telephone number	Claims same or competing product made in the United States	Submission attached	Opposition noted
	1	Mother Moose Enterprises (Interested entity) Larry Kupper	406-721-2698	No	No	No
	2	Howe House Rick Spies	800-403-0807	No	No	No
	3	Snow Globe Central Reid Grossnickle	303-294-9469	No	No	No
	4	Topline Products Lupita Vargas	425-226-0738	No	No	No

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2881

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass snow globes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2012

Mr. BAUCUS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on certain glass snow globes.

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 GLASS SNOW GLOBES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.01.00	Glass snow globes, valued over \$0.30 but not over \$3 each, the foregoing not constituting festive articles (provided for in subheading 7013.99.50) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2015	”.
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1       (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) applies to goods entered, or withdrawn from  
3 warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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