

In effect the bill would abrogate the existing prohibition on reciprocal tariff reducing agreements with the Communist countries as it presently applies to Czechoslovakia and would authorize the President to extend most-favored-nation duty rates to that country.

The safety pin and straight pin industries generally favor foreign policy initiatives which may have the effect of improving relations and easing tensions between the United States and the Communist countries of Europe.

However, both safety pins and straight pins are being imported in ever-increasing quantities from Czechoslovakia, without the aid of any preferential duty rates.

We would object most strenuously to the granting to the President of authority to intensify that already damaging competition from Czechoslovakia by further lowering the duty on Czechoslovak pins. Since the Czechs have already demonstrated the ability to compete most effectively in safety pins and straight pins in the U.S. market at non-preferential duty rates, and given the manifest distress of the domestic pin industry, pins should be expressly reserved from any such grant of trade negotiating authority.

At the very least, the provisions for mandatory and discretionary reservation of articles from negotiation contained in section 225 of the Trade Expansion Act must be incorporated as well into any and all further grants of trade negotiating authority to the President.

LIST OF MEMBER FIRMS

1. Safety Pin Division ; Pin, Clip and Fastener Association :
Oakville Division, Scovill Manufacturing Co., Oakville, Connecticut.
Risdon Manufacturing Co., Naugatuck, Connecticut.
Star Pin Company, Shelton, Connecticut.
William Prym, Inc., Dayville, Connecticut 06241.
2. Straight Pin Division ; Pin, Clip and Fastener Association :
Acco Division, Gary Industries, Inc., 5150 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, Illinois.
Noesting Pin Ticket Co., 728 E. 136th Street, New York, N.Y.
Oakville Division, Scovill Manufacturing Co., Oakville, Connecticut.
Risdon Manufacturing Co., Naugatuck, Connecticut.
Star Pin Company, Shelton, Connecticut.
Union Pin Co., Winsted, Connecticut.
William Prym, Inc., Dayville, Connecticut 06241.

STATISTICAL APPENDIX

SAFETY PINS (MILLIONS OF GROSS)

Year	Domestic shipments	Imports	Apparent consumption	Percent of imports of apparent consumption
Average 1951 to 1955.....	10.8	2.9	13.7	20.6
1960.....	7.6	4.6	12.2	37.5
1961.....	8.2	3.6	11.9	30.4
1962.....	8.7	4.1	12.8	32.0
1963.....	8.3	4.2	12.5	33.6
1964.....	9.4	3.8	13.1	29.0
1965.....	9.5	4.9	14.4	34.0
1966.....	9.5	4.3	13.8	31.0
1967.....	9.2	4.9	14.1	34.6

STRAIGHT PINS (MILLIONS OF POUNDS)

Year	Domestic shipments	Imports	Apparent consumption	Percent of imports of apparent consumption
Average 1951 to 1955.....	2.9	0.4	3.3	11.7
1960.....	2.0	1.0	3.0	33.7
1961.....	2.0	1.1	3.1	34.9
1962.....	2.1	1.0	3.1	33.0
1963.....	2.0	1.1	3.1	34.5
1964.....	2.1	1.1	3.2	33.6
1965.....	2.2	1.2	3.4	35.9
1966.....	2.0	1.3	3.3	38.9
1967.....	1.8	1.3	3.1	41.9

Note: Exports have been minimal and are omitted.

Source: U.S. Tariff Commission; Bureau of the Census; Pin, Clip, and Fastener Association.