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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. GUTKNECHT, and Mr. McHALE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. TARIFF TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN COMPO-**  
4                               **NENTS OF SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS AND**  
5                               **APPARATUS.**

6       U.S. Note 6 of subchapter X of chapter 98 of the  
7       Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is

1 amended in subdivision (a) be adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing new sentence: “The term ‘instruments and appara-  
3 tus’ under subheading 9810.00.60 includes separable com-  
4 ponents of an instrument or apparatus listed in this sub-  
5 division that are imported for assembly in the United  
6 States in such instrument or apparatus in a case in which  
7 the instrument or apparatus, due to its size and complex-  
8 ity, cannot be imported in its assembled state.”.

9 **SEC. 2. CONSOLIDATED HEARING PROCESS.**

10 U.S. Note 6 of subchapter X of chapter 98 of the  
11 Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
12 amended in subdivision (c) by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing: “In order to provide for expedited consideration  
14 of each component of a scientific instrument or apparatus  
15 for which duty treatment is requested under subheading  
16 9810.00.60, the Secretary of Commerce, upon receipt of  
17 a petition by an affected institution, may hold a single  
18 expedited hearing to determine whether or not to grant  
19 such duty treatment to all of the components of the par-  
20 ticular scientific instrument or apparatus for which the  
21 application is made.”.

22 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATIONS OF REGULATIONS.**

23 The Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of  
24 Commerce shall make such modifications to regulations as

1 are necessary to carry out the amendments made by this  
2 Act.

