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# S. 1457

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to extend to certain fine jewelry certain trade benefits of insular possessions of the United States.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 8, 1997

Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN 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       That the additional U.S. notes to chapter 71 of the Har-  
4       monized Tariff Schedule of the United States are amended  
5       by adding at the end the following new note:

6       “3.(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in addi-  
7       tional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91, any article of jewelry  
8       provided for in heading 7113 which is the product of the  
9       Virgin Islands, Guam, or American Samoa (including any

1 such article which contains any foreign component) shall  
2 be eligible for the benefits provided in paragraph (h) of  
3 additional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91, subject to the provi-  
4 sions and limitations of that note and of paragraphs (b),  
5 (c), and (d) of this note.

6 “(b) Nothing provided for in this note shall result in  
7 an increase or a decrease in the aggregate amount referred  
8 to in paragraph (h)(iii) of, or quantitative limitation other-  
9 wise established pursuant to the requirements of, addi-  
10 tional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91.

11 “(c) Nothing provided for in this note shall be con-  
12 strued to permit a reduction in the amount available to  
13 watch producers under paragraph (h)(iv) of additional  
14 U.S. note 5 to chapter 91.

15 “(d) The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary  
16 of the Interior shall issue such regulations, not inconsis-  
17 tent with the provisions of this note and additional U.S.  
18 note 5 to chapter 91, as they determine necessary to carry  
19 out their respective duties under this note. Such regula-  
20 tions shall not be inconsistent with substantial trans-  
21 formation requirements established by the United States  
22 Customs Service but may define the circumstances under  
23 which articles of jewelry shall be deemed to be ‘units’ for

- 1 purposes of the benefits, provisions, and limitations of ad-
- 2 ditional U.S. note 5 to chapter 91.”.

