

method of assessing this duty should be AD VALOREM and not American valuation. We cannot urge upon you too strongly, with all sincerity, that the idea of assessing duty on the basis of American valuation for imported books is impractical, and would result in unending irritation, difficulties and loss to the importers of books; and thus become a source of injustice to American readers and educators.

The National Association of Book Publishers and the American Booksellers Association, urge you to relieve us in this new Tariff from the burdens, annoyances and losses we have sustained in the past, by giving to us a clause which will make the duty to be collected based on the actual price paid for books in the foreign market; and that it will also provide and definitely state that author's royalties are not to be construed as forming a part of the dutiable value of imported books.

Thank you, Senator Penrose, and the distinguished members of the Finance Committee, for your consideration and patience in hearing me on this matter.

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