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68TH CONGRESS,
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S. 2113

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 21, 1924.

Mr. HARRIS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry.

A BILL

To amend the Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of cotton," approved July 22, 1912.

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 Director of the Census be, and he is hereby, autho-
4 rized and directed to collect and publish statistics concerning
5 the amount of cotton ginned; the quantity of raw cotton
6 consumed in manufacturing establishments of every char-
7 acter; the quantity of baled cotton on hand; the number
8 of active consuming cotton spindles; the number of active
9 spindle hours, and the quantity of cotton imported and ex-
10 ported, with the country of origin and destination.

1 SEC. 2. That the statistics of the quantity of cotton
2 ginned shall show the quantity ginned from each crop prior
3 to August 1, August 16, September 1, September 16, Octo-
4 ber 1, October 18, November 1, November 14, December
5 1, December 13, January 16, and March 1: *Provided*, That
6 the Director of the Census may limit the canvasses of August
7 1 and August 16, to those sections of the cotton-growing
8 States in which cotton has been ginned. The quantity of
9 cotton consumed in manufacturing establishments, the quan-
10 tity of baled cotton on hand, the number of active consuming
11 cotton spindles, the number of active spindle hours, and the
12 statistics of cotton imported and exported shall relate to each
13 calendar month, and shall be published as soon as possible
14 after the close of the month. Each report published by the
15 Bureau of the Census of the quantity ginned shall carry with it
16 the latest available statistics concerning the quantity of cotton
17 consumed, stocks of baled cotton on hand, the number of
18 cotton-consuming spindles, and the quantity of cotton im-
19 ported and exported.

20 All of these publications containing statistics of cot-
21 ton shall be mailed by the Director of the Census to all cotton
22 ginners, cotton manufacturers, and cotton warehousemen, and
23 to all daily newspapers throughout the United States. The
24 Director of the Census shall furnish to the Department of
25 Agriculture, immediately prior to the publication of each

1 report of that bureau regarding the cotton crop, the latest
2 available statistics hereinbefore mentioned, and the said De-
3 partment of Agriculture shall publish the same in connection
4 with each of its reports concerning cotton.

5 SEC. 3. That the information furnished by any individ-
6 ual establishment under the provisions of this Act shall be
7 considered as strictly confidential and shall be used only for
8 the statistical purpose for which it is supplied. Any em-
9 ployee of the Bureau of the Census who, without the writ-
10 ten authority of the Director of the Census, shall publish or
11 communicate any information given into his possession by
12 reason of his employment under the provisions of this Act
13 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction
14 thereof, be fined not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000 or
15 imprisoned for a period of not exceeding one year, or both
16 so fined and imprisoned, at the discretion of the court.

17 SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of every owner, presi-
18 dent, treasurer, secretary, director, or other officer or agent
19 of any cotton ginnery, manufacturing establishment, ware-
20 house, or other place where cotton is ginned, manufactured,
21 or stored, whether conducted as a corporation, firm, limited
22 partnership, or by individuals, when requested by the
23 Director of the Census or by any special agent or other
24 employee of the Bureau of the Census acting under the
25 instructions of said director, to furnish completely and cor-

1 rectly, to the best of his knowledge, all of the information
2 concerning the quantity of cotton ginned, consumed, or on
3 hand; and the number of cotton-consuming spindles, and
4 active spindle hours. The request of the Director of the
5 Census for information concerning the quantity of cotton
6 ginned or consumed, stocks of cotton on hand, and number
7 of spindles and spindle hours may be made in writing or
8 by a visiting representative, and if made in writing shall be
9 forwarded by registered mail, and the registry receipt of the
10 Post Office Department shall be accepted as evidence of such
11 demand. Any owner, president, treasurer, secretary, direc-
12 tor, or other officer or agent of any cotton ginnery, manufac-
13 turing establishment, warehouse, or other place where cotton
14 is ginned or stored, who, under the conditions hereinbefore
15 stated, shall refuse or willfully neglect to furnish any of the
16 information herein provided for or shall willfully give
17 answers that are false shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
18 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than \$300
19 or more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for a period of not ex-
20 ceeding one year, or both so fined and imprisoned, at the
21 discretion of the court.

22 SEC. 5. That in addition to the information regarding
23 cotton in the United States hereinbefore provided for, the
24 Director of the Census shall compile, by correspondence or
25 the use of published reports and documents, any available

1 information concerning the production, consumption, and
2 stocks of cotton in foreign countries, and the number of
3 cotton-consuming spindles in such countries. Each report
4 published by the Bureau of the Census regarding cotton
5 shall contain an abstract of the latest available information
6 obtained under the provisions of this section, and the Director
7 of the Census shall furnish the same to the Department of
8 Agriculture for publication in connection with the reports of
9 that department concerning cotton in the same manner as
10 in the case of statistics relating to the United States.

11 SEC. 6. That the reports of cotton ginned to the dates
12 as of which the Department of Agriculture is also required
13 to issue cotton crop reports shall be issued simultaneously
14 with the cotton crop reports of that department, the two
15 reports to be issued from the same place at eleven o'clock
16 antemeridian on the eighth day following that on which the
17 respective reports relate. When such date of release falls
18 on Sunday or a legal holiday the reports shall be issued at
19 eleven o'clock antemeridian on the next succeeding workday.

20 SEC. 7. That the Act of Congress authorizing the
21 Director of the Census to collect and publish statistics of
22 cotton, approved July 22, 1912, and all other laws and parts
23 of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
24 repealed.

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