

Secretary SMITH. That is correct.

Mr. BATTIN. Ambassador Roth, I think you shocked me the last time you were here before the committee by telling me that the United States was not a member of GATT. That really did give me quite a shock, because that is all we have talked about in trade associations for a long time.

That situation still exists, does it not? We are not a member of GATT?

Ambassador ROTH. As you know, it is an agreement we have signed by Executive action pursuant to legislative authority in section 350 of the Tariff Act—the Trade Agreements Act.

Mr. BATTIN. It has not been ratified?

Ambassador ROTH. It has not been ratified by the Congress.

We have been a part of it by Executive action, pursuant to previous legislative authority. This, if I may say, relates in part to the provision that is in the trade bill. The appropriation for GATT each year has been a part of a catchall appropriation which the State Department administers and which includes a number of other contributions.

This is why, at this point, after 20 years of effective working with GATT, we felt it appropriate to bring this out, so that it could be seen.

Mr. BATTIN. Is there any reason why there has never been any attempt to have it ratified as a treaty by the U.S. Senate?

Mr. REHM. I think it has been the position of the administration now for some 20 years that this is a valid Executive agreement, as Ambassador Roth was saying, pursuant to statutory authorization. Specifically, section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, which is the predecessor of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962.

I think normally, in the case of such an executive agreement, it is felt to be unnecessary to present it to the Senate for its advice and consent.

Mr. BATTIN. It seems rather strange. The last time you were before the committee, we talked about the final details of the provisions of the Kennedy round, which relate to agricultural products, had to be worked out by committee.

Have all the details of that been worked out?

Ambassador ROTH. Yes. I was referring specifically to the International Grains Arrangement. The details of the various parts, including the multilateral food aid package, have been worked out in the form of a treaty. Therefore, we have submitted it to the Senate, to the Foreign Relations Committee.

It has been considered in a subcommittee, and we are hoping for action by the full committee in the immediate future.

Mr. BATTIN. This, as I recall, deals with wheat, basically, the International Wheat Agreement.

Ambassador ROTH. That is right.

Mr. BATTIN. I think Under Secretary Schnittker testified on behalf of the treaty, that it conceivably could result in a loss of a market of approximately 200 million bushels of wheat that the United States formerly sold abroad.

Do you know anything about that?