

can make them, but I know from experience that no matter how well intentioned we may be and how much we try to write them clearly, they still will be interpreted by the Executive as it wishes.

I hope that there is great emphasis laid on the fact that this quota proposal is temporary, and that this temporariness is related to some specific things that must be done, and that when those things are done, then there is an end to the temporary measure.

Otherwise, I can assure you that it will be permanent.

Mr. PATTON. I am sure that we wouldn't want this to remain in effect permanently. I am sure that while it is in effect the industry will be cooperative to advance on every front with respect to every type of relief that might be thought of or that is in existence to make it better and more effective than it is today, and to close whatever loop holes exist either in the act itself or in the administration of the act.

I am sure we would be doing that.

Mr. CURTIS. Thank you, and I thank you for your testimony. Let me emphasize that I have a very high regard not only for the steel industry, but for all American industry. I think that you and we, if I can use the word "we," can compete against anybody if the practices are fair.

Mr. PATTON. Thank you for those kind words.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you, gentleman, for being here and for the contribution you have made to our committee.

Mr. PATTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank all of you for coming and sitting with us and listening to our problems.

We urge again that you promptly enact the quota bill that is before you.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you.

(The following letters and telegrams were received by the committee:)

BETHLEHEM STEEL CORP.,
Bethlehem, Pa., June 17, 1968.

Hon. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Bethlehem Steel Corporation endorses the testimony of Mr. T. F. Patton before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives during its review of tariff and trade proposals. Mr. Patton's statement on the iron and steel import problem and the solution reflected in the orderly marketing bills now before the Committee have our full support. We urge the Committee, upon completion of its trade hearings, to take prompt and favorable action on those bills.

Very truly yours,

EDMUND F. MARTIN,
Chairman.

JONES & LAUGHLIN STEEL CORP.,
Pittsburgh, Pa., June 20, 1968.

Hon. WILBUR D. MILLS,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation appreciates the opportunity which the Ways and Means Committee accorded the steel industry and the United Steel Workers to present testimony before the committee on June 18. Mr. Patton's statement with respect to the problem and the recommended solution which is reflected in the various iron and steel orderly marketing bills now before the