

Referring again to the Polish case, we found that on other acknowledgements and quotations furnished by the Polish counsel the statement on a number of them read "Cast Marking: KZO." On some others we found the notation "Cast Marking: SALEM." It so happened that there was a Salem Pipe & Iron Manufacturing Co. located at Bridgeton, N.J., and subsequent investigation showed that they were an importer of Polish pipe and fittings. It would be reasonable to assume that the Polish material would be comingled with their own production in sales to American customers.

With this information we petitioned the Treasury Department to remove cast iron soil pipe and fittings from the "J" list on October 25, 1967, for the third time, having made unsuccessful attempts on two previous requests. On March 5, over 4 months later, we received notice that our request was denied.

The latter part of March we went back to them to seek information on how we could obtain reconsideration based on precedents established in other similar cases or what recourse there was for us to follow. The answer was loud and clear—"Get the law changed."

On the 9th of April of this year we consulted with Alabama Senators and Congressmen about obtaining a rider on some bill to do just that but were advised to use another tactic and a joint letter from all the Alabama congressional delegation was addressed to Secretary Fowler asking for reconsideration in this case.

On May 23 Secretary Fowler advised the congressional delegation that he had instructed the Commissioner of Customs that the allegations concerning possible misrepresentation or deception as to country of origin warrant an investigation and that such should be done on a priority basis.

We have reviewed these cases in order to emphasize the importance to our industry of the legislation mentioned at the start of our testimony and, in fact, to the entire American economy. We feel that in light of the present tempo in the market place our present laws are inadequate, that tariffs as a control device are no longer effective, and that any reforms or changes must be instituted by the Congress.

We hope you will be just as adamant in this connection as you have exhibited recently with regard to other very important domestic legislation and we commend you for your tremendous courage and foresight.

Please accept the gratitude of our industry for the valuable time and attention given us this morning and if there are questions we would be happy to answer to the best of our ability.

The CHAIRMAN. We thank you, Mr. Perry, for bringing to us the experiences of your industry.

Are there any questions?

Mr. Curtis.

Mr. CURTIS. I would just like to inquire briefly about why your industry feels that the International Antidumping Agreement is inadequate.

First of all, you didn't think that the negotiators had the authority to negotiate it. Frankly, I thought they did. I might have been wrong. I am interested in any brief that you might have as to why you thought our negotiators went beyond their powers. But I am primarily