

percent of total costs, have since had to assume tremendous increases in labor costs, and there seems to be no end to them.

Lack of stabilization will discourage exploration for and development of new reserves in the United States, and the Nation will be well down the road to further dependence on foreign sources for materials that are important to its economy.

Loss of employment will occur. We will be exporting jobs.

There will be no prospect of orderly and easy liquidation of Government stockpiles.

As imports increase, there will be an increasingly negative effect on our balance of payments.

Failure to control imports at this time will amount to notice to foreign producers that our markets are wide open to them, even at the expense of erosion of our own mining industry.

The Lead-Zinc Producers Committee respectfully urges this committee.

(a) Not to support legislative provisions that will preclude consideration and enactment of specific legislation of the type we are proposing, to deal with specific and unique problems;

(b) Not to support any assertion that such specific problems can be dealt with effectively by the "adjustment assistance" or "escape clause" procedures, routes that have proven to be but palliatives on paper in the past; and

(c) To schedule hearings at the earliest date convenient to the committee to afford the lead-zinc industry an opportunity to support in detail a searching examination of a standby flexible quota for lead and zinc.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

Without objection, the material appended to your statement will appear at this point in the record.

(The material referred to follows:)

APPENDIX I

MAJOR PRODUCERS REPRESENTED BY THE LEAD-ZINC PRODUCERS COMMITTEE

American Smelting and Refining Company.

American Zinc Company.

Anaconda Company, The

Bunker Hill Company, The

Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc.

National Zinc Company.

New Jersey Zinc Company.

St. Joseph Lead Company.

U.S. Smelting Refining and Mining Company.

ASSOCIATIONS

Arizona Small Mines Operators Association.

Citizens Committee for Stabilization—Lead-Zinc Industry.

Colorado Mining Association.

Idaho Mining Association.

Montana Mining Association.

Nevada Mining Association.