

Our major recommendation is that the concept of the Mills bill (H.R. 11578) be enacted into law promptly. Certain changes in the bill may be desirable. For example, we would favor the addition of provisions stating clearly that coverage of the legislation extends to rope and twine as well as to the products of silk and blends of silk with man-made fiber, cotton, or wool.

Most textile imports are produced under wage rates and working conditions illegal in this country. Should a textile article which could not be shipped legally across State lines were it manufactured in the United States, be allowed open access in unlimited volume to this market provided only that the sweatshop is located 12 miles offshore?

Our recommendations come from a job-furnishing, taxpaying industry daily confronted with the harmful effects of our "unfair" trade policy. We deal in reality, not theory, when we urge your favorable consideration of these recommendations.

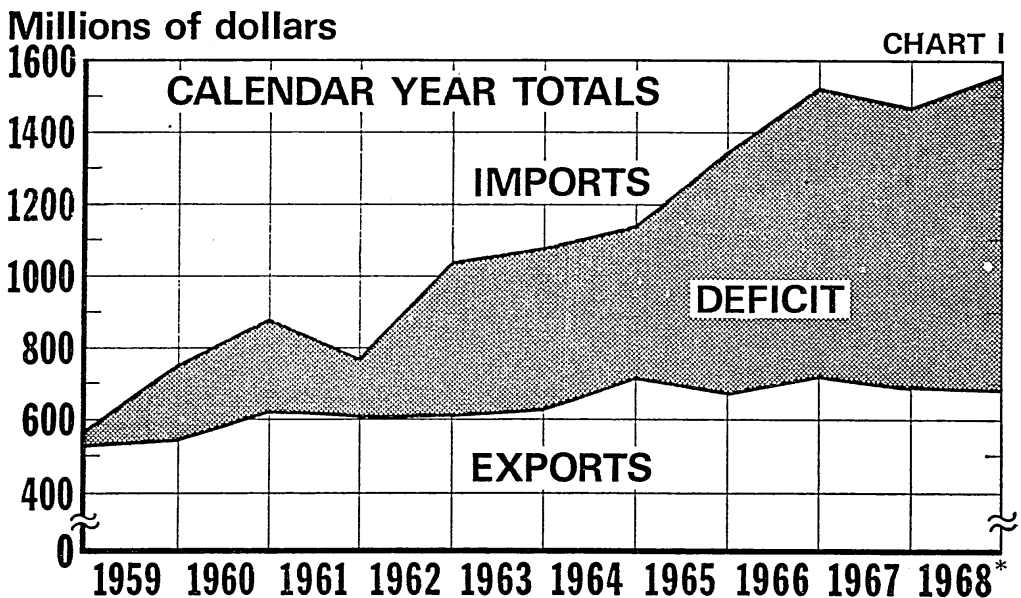
Mr. Chairman, I have for the confidential review of the committee reports from mills outlining the harmful effect of imports which I would like to submit to the secretary for your further consideration.

The CHAIRMAN. That which is confidential submit to the secretary. Do you have additional material for the record?

Mr. DENT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, we would like to continue our testimony with Mr. Morton H. Darman, chairman of the board of the National Wool Manufacturers Association.

(The charts referred to in Mr. Dent's statement follow:)

U.S. TEXTILE TRADE



*Annual Rate Based on 1st Quarter 1968

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce