

Mr. DENT. Absolutely, and it is a further continuation of the trend which we have detailed as being unfair trade as opposed to free trade.

Mr. CURTIS. I am going to get into that because that is an area that I am very interested in and have been for many many years as long as I have been on this committee.

I wish the various associations would come prepared to testify on the administration bill because a great deal of it has to do with the machinery of how we move forward in the trade field more than it does with the substantive decisions on what is done. The Congress, I think, has to be primarily concerned with what kind of machinery we establish or maintain which the Executive department is going to have to implement or utilize.

I will get into that a little bit more, but other than this one specific, I guess the industry has not taken a position on the administration bill one way or another.

Mr. DENT. As a whole, we are pleading here for the opportunity to maintain, to create additional American jobs.

Mr. CURTIS. Would you like to see something done along the lines of improving that machinery?

Mr. DENT. We would like to see the Mills bill or that concept enacted which would enable us to continue the jobs and if possible, with our growing population, to expand employment.

Mr. CURTIS. We are all interested in that, believe me.

I would hope it wouldn't be necessary to stress this point but maybe it is and I can't blame you for coming in and pointing out the importance to our society of a strong viable textile industry.

I hope everyone agrees on that. I would add further that I think by and large the textile industry has done a magnificent job and I can say that for most of our industries.

Surely you can make constructive criticism here and there but essentially the industry has done a good job. The problems that face the Congress and the Nation must be seen in that context.

I wouldn't think you would have to plead for a strong viable textile industry. You should be able to take that for granted. What I am trying to direct attention to is just this: How do we accomplish this result in context with all the other industries within our society which include those engaged in importing?

This is a very difficult problem. Your answer, I would respectfully suggest, is not very responsive to my detailed question of whether or not you would want to see the escape clause provision sharpened.

I understand that in the Mills bill there is more reliance on the quota license approach. I will get into that later. In the meantime I am trying to explore whether the machinery we presently have can be utilized or improved so that it can be utilized. If so, the administration bill could be directed toward such improvements.

I will leave this issue at this point, but the record is open and I would be happy to receive a memorandum from your industry with your critique of the administration bill.

Mr. DENT. We would be glad to supply it.

(The following letter was received by the committee:)