

The cordage industry has always been considered a part of the textile industry and cordage products have always been grouped with textile products for tariff and duty treatment.

Therefore, while supporting the basic legislation introduced by Mr. Mills to restrict the growth of foreign textile imports generally, I do urge that the members of this committee include the specific reference to cordage and cordage products as a part of the definition of textiles which has been spelled out in H.R. 13755.

Mr. BURKE. Thank you very much. Are there any questions? Mr. Utt.

Mr. UTT. No. I would like not to necessarily question, but thank Congressman Stratton for presenting this case. One of the big industries in my district is a cordage plant and it has had its troubles ever since they were formed many, many years ago. They were finally taken over some time ago and I know that they appreciate also your position on this matter.

Mr. BURKE. I also wish to commend you for a fine statement and for bringing to our attention the problems in the cordage industry.

Thank you.

Mr. STRATTON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and I also thank the gentleman from California for his support.

Mr. BURKE. Our next witness is the Honorable William Jennings Bryan Dorn of South Carolina who has been very patient here today. I wish to apologize for keeping you waiting.

STATEMENT OF HON. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN DORN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. DORN. Mr. Chairman, I am not going to take up any of your time or that of the committee other than just to say that I am in favor of the Mills bill and ask permission to extend my remarks in the record.

Mr. BURKE. Without objection that will be done.

Mr. DORN. I will say, Mr. Chairman, that 196 other Members of the House joined Mr. Mills after he introduced his bill on July 19, 1967. On that same day our distinguished colleague and great member of this committee, the Honorable Phil Landrum, introduced his bill almost simultaneously with that of Mr. Mills and the rest of us followed over a period of several days.

I believe that in the modern history of the Congress this is the greatest number of Members to join in cosponsoring or introducing a piece of major legislation. I do not recall a greater number than 197 doing so. There may be.

This group represents every section of the United States, every single segment of the textile industry, woolen, manmade fiber, staple fiber, filament, filament yarn, the garment industry, and I might say that you will recall, Mr. Chairman, that our group, the informal textile House committee, was formed in 1961 and it was organized purely because the textile industry was in trouble, faced with unemployment and mills closing down.

You recall that 750, I think it was, textile plants closed in the 1950's, so it was imperative that something be done and this group organized and we elected Carl Vinson chairman of the committee.