

Mr. MASAOKA. I think that, for example, your colleague, Congressman Stratton, recently called attention to the fact that Mohasco Industries in the city of Amsterdam, even though they have this import protection which has completely cut out Wilton carpet imports, for example, just decided to lay off their workers right after the Congressman and others had gone to the White House, and I think if I recall the Congressman's words, they practically persuaded the President to reverse a decision made by the Tariff Commission.

In other words, these factories were closed. People will go out of work. These things happen all the time in industry and they happen more due to other factors than imports.

Mr. BATTIN. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BURKE. Thank you very much, Mr. Masaoka.

Mr. MASAOKA. Thank you.

Mr. BURKE. Our next witnesses are Mr. Lawrence S. Phillips and Carl H. Priestland of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association.

STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE S. PHILLIPS, THE AMERICAN APPAREL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY CARL H. PRIESTLAND, CONSULTING ECONOMIST

Mr. PHILLIPS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Lawrence S. Phillips, president of the Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. I am here on behalf of the American Apparel Manufacturers Association, a group of over 500 manufacturers in America, the largest group in the world of its kind. And I am joined here before you by Mr. Carl Priestland, our economic adviser.

You have been at this for 2 weeks and have heard the figures that I have in the prepared testimony many times. I am not going to impose upon you by repeating them. I have a simple and short story to tell you, and I really don't need to refer to these notes because I know the story by heart.

Since May 1961, at which time the seven point program was announced, I have decided the only way to come out ahead of this game was to become a stockholder of Eastern Air Lines and take their shuttle to Washington once a week, and we have been down here probably that often between our appearances before all of our Representatives in Congress, the Tariff Commission, most recently, and monthly meetings of the Management-Labor Textile Industry Committee. And I come to you today on behalf of our industry at the point of complete frustration, at the point of complete anger, at the point when our industry is having a meeting today in Atlantic City that I must tell you about because I think it speaks for itself.

What is happening today in Atlantic City is that there are according to today's paper, 10,000 manufacturers and their representatives meeting. The meeting started at 10 o'clock this morning. The subject of that meeting is the pros and cons of offshore production and I was to be a speaker at that meeting because I am constantly asked the question, how, as the president of a publicly held corporation with responsibility to stockholders, can we permit to happen what has happened.