

Mr. BURKE. The committee is going to be in recess for about 12 minutes, because there is a rollcall going on.

Our next witness will be Dr. M. K. Horne, Jr.

(Brief recess.)

Mr. LANDRUM (presiding). The committee will resume.

Dr. M. K. Horne, Jr.

Dr. Horne, for the purpose of the record, will you identify yourself and proceed with any statement that you have.

**STATEMENT OF DR. M. K. HORNE, JR., CHIEF ECONOMIST,
NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL OF AMERICA; ACCOMPANIED BY
ROY B. DAVIS, PRESIDENT; THOMAS O. MURCHISON; AND
DR. CHARLES R. SAYRE**

Dr. HORNE. My name is M. K. Horne, Jr. I am chief economist of the National Cotton Council, and I live at Memphis, Tenn. The gentlemen sitting here are three outstanding cotton producer leaders from three of our important cotton-growing States: Mr. Roy B. Davis, president of the National Cotton Council, of Lubbock, Tex.; Dr. Charles R. Sayre, of Greenwood, Miss.; and Mr. Thomas O. Murchison, of Coy, Ark.

Mr. LANDRUM. We are glad to have you, gentlemen.

Dr. HORNE. The National Cotton Council is the central organization of this country's raw cotton industry. It exists to represent and serve the seven branches of this industry, reaching as they do across the whole length of our country from east to west. They are the cotton-growers, the ginner, the merchants, the warehousemen, the cooperatives, the manufacturers, and the cottonseed crushers.

Our prepared statement, Mr. Chairman, would require more time than you have been able to allot to us so that we would like to submit the full statement with the hope that it will have your attention and that you will include it in the printed record.

Mr. LANDRUM. We will receive the statement as it is printed to be placed in the record, and you may proceed to narrate or improvise as you desire.

Dr. HORNE. Thank you, sir.

In this allotted time that I have of 15 minutes I would like to skim through this statement, read a few selected sentences, try to touch on some of the main points that we have in it. I hope I can do this in a fairly coherent and intelligible way.

Mr. LANDRUM. Very well, sir.

Dr. HORNE. Our cotton economy depends vitally upon both its domestic and its export markets, and one of our foremost concerns is the export market which has been on a downward trend for the past 10 years. There could be no sound future for cotton unless this export trend is checked and turned upward. A large part of the cotton council's energy is directed toward that export market objective.

Now it is likewise essential that the domestic market for cotton be saved and expanded. That usually takes on an average roughly two-thirds of our total production. One of our greatest problems is this domestic market is the rapidly rising trend of textile imports which displace the consumption of cotton in our domestic mills.