

It seems to me that this Nation must reexamine its trade policies affecting not only agricultural commodities but other goods, as well. The present precarious position of the dollar underscores this need emphatically. I do not believe we can any longer delay decisive action in this area.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Kleppe, for sharing your views with us.

Our next witness this morning is Mr. House, president of the American Cattlemen's Association.

Mr. Everett, do you want to present these witnesses to the committee?

**STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT A. EVERETT, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TENNESSEE**

Mr. EVERETT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a privilege to introduce my good constituent and friend of this committee of many years, the Honorable Dick Carrothers, of Paris, who will present the witnesses today. Mr. Carrothers. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Carrothers, you are recognized.

**STATEMENT OF BILL HOUSE, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN NATIONAL
CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY BROOKS J.
KEOGH, R. B. CARROTHERS, ROMEO SHORT, AND C. W. McMILLAN,
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. CARROTHERS. It has been my privilege and my pleasure to appear before this committee several different times and we are here today in the interest of the beef cattle industry and these gentlemen who are with me are all cattlemen and I would like to introduce them to the committee and explain that we are trying to bring the facts we want you to have to the committee with the least possible confusion and time consumption.

The various State livestock associations are all affiliated with the American Cattlemen's Association. Mr. Bill House here is the president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, Mr. Romeo Short is president of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. Mr. McMillan is the executive vice president of the association. And I expect you know Mr. Brooks Keogh from North Dakota, a past president of the American National Cattlemen's Association, who was president when the 1964 bill was passed.

I will now turn this over to our president and thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the privilege of introducing all of these gentlemen.

Mr. HOUSE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I thought this morning you would like to hear a little bit about the beef industry in the United States. We sell \$10 billion worth of products and it is the largest beef industry in the world because it has so many facets no other country has. Our production runs about 106 pounds per person in the United States; 15, 20 years ago it was 60 pounds.

I would like to make it clear right at the start that the beef industry in the United States has always moved its production up in some manner or other whenever there was now demand for it at a cost-plus figure.