

the State of Arkansas, such House Bill amending the meat import law of 1964, and do further state our unqualified support for a similar and identical bill having been introduced previously by Senator Roman Hruska of the State of Nebraska, and do by this resolution urge the earliest possible passage of HR9475 and its counterpart as may exist in the Senate.

And Be It Further Resolved that the President and Secretary of the organization are instructed to furnish copies of this resolution to be filed in Congressional Hearings commencing June 4, 1968, and to all other interested persons.

The above and foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Board of Directors of the Premier Santa Gertrudis Association on Sunday, May 26, 1968, to which the undersigned hereby certifies.

M. ALLEN ANDERSON,
President, Frisco, Tex.

Attest:

COULTER HOPPESS,
Secretary, Bryan, Tex.

MENDOCINO COUNTY FARM BUREAU,
Ukiah, Calif., June 19, 1968.

Hon. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee,
House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. MILLS: The production of livestock is one of California's major industries. Today this industry is hit by inflation and spiraling taxes, labor costs, limited and increased government grazing fees, plus the dumping of foreign meats into our ports. This dumping of foreign meats at irregular intervals is jeopardizing the production of United States meats.

The livestock industry is capable of feeding our United States population in time of emergency, if the flow of foreign meats into our ports were regulated, so as not to disrupt the markets.

We must not jeopardize the consumer by loss of United States livestock industry, thus reducing American housewife supply of meats to foreign imports.

Please support Bill H.R. 9475.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

MAYME WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

SNOW AND COMPANY,
South Pasadena, Calif., June 6, 1968.

Chairman WILBUR D. MILLS,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR HONORABLE MILLS: I want to take this occasion in writing to you to express certain thoughts and personal conclusions that bear upon the considerations that your committee is now giving to HR 9475.

I feel that it is terribly important that some amendments be made to the Meat Import Act of 1964 as they may relate to the function of the quota arrangements under this law. As you undoubtedly know, the cattle industry has accepted and continues to accept the idea of allowing foreign meat importations for the obvious reasons expressed at the time of this legislation which would encourage beneficial foreign trade. However, the cattle industry has a worthwhile objective in attempting to restrict the imports to reasonable levels and even more importantly to regulate the flow of these imports for the purpose of avoiding disruption of our meat marketing system.

I can testify as one individual that operates a cattle producing ranch that for too many years it has been a losing business venture. Even under optimum conditions and the highest efficiency one is unlikely to be able to reach a break even point. If a ranch is so located as to be blessed with unusual gifts by nature it might be possible to achieve some profit.

This poor economic condition has also been true in other segments of the industry. Consequently, we are particularly sensitive to the volume of meat imports and it can be said with certainty the irregular importations of meat has definitely been harmful to the price obtainable for our products. Several times