

during each year over the past several years the imports have been extremely heavy in volume. The price of all cattle have been effected with a downward movement, and the unfortunate result is that this depressed condition is in the market place for longer that it should be because of the peaking of many inventories as a result of periodic large volume imports. If the same amount was handled on an even flow basis the U.S. cattleman would be definitely aided in his gross returns.

It seems only sensible and fair that efforts by our government to stimulate export of certain American commodities, whose over supply is often the result of poor government planning, should not be taken without careful consideration of the effects on domestic industry when foreigners in response to our export needs respond with demands for access to American markets.

I hope your committee will review this matter carefully and adjust the inequities that are apparent of the law and its functions. I urge affirmative action on H.R. 9475.

Sincerely yours,

H. R. SNOW.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., June 3, 1968.

Hon. WILBUR D. MILLS, M.C.,
Chairman, House Committee on Ways and Means,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CHAIRMAN MILLS: I'm enclosing testimony from George L. Hays of Copeland, Idaho, and his wife, the President of the Idaho Cow Belles, relative to meat imports.

I would appreciate your cooperation in seeing that this testimony is entered as part of the official record of the hearings on tariff and trade proposals beginning tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. McCLURE, M.C.

Enclosures.

THE IDAHO COW BELLES,
Copeland, Idaho, May 22, 1968.

Hon. JAMES A. McCLURE,
Representative, First District, Idaho,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE McCLURE: Thank you for sending the notification of the public hearings on "Meat Imports" to be held by the House Ways & Means Committee.

As the Auxiliary to the Idaho Cattlemen's Association, who pledged by Resolution Number One at its most recent annual convention, to support all work of the Idaho Beef Council—the Idaho Cow Belles are whole-hearted and by state-wide legwork, supporting the Idaho Beef Council's aggressive anti-import (beef) campaign initiated by the Oregon Beef Council in the northwest region of the USA.

Just last week I served on a Cow Belle public relations and beef education panel in Yakima, Washington, at the Washington State Cattlemen & Cow Belles spring convention; representing the American National Cow Belles for Mrs. Russell Larsen of Kimberly, Idaho. Both Mrs. Clarence McBride, Washington Cow Belle President, and I, concur fully with Mrs. Burt Schroder, Oregon Cow Belle President (also at the meeting) in her views that from a health view point, our domestic beef is 100% inspected; and there is no assurance of such rigid inspection for imported beef. She further states that in Oregon alone 10% of all beef consumed is foreign beef, to the tune of \$12,000,000 (twelve million dollars) LOSS to the Oregon beef producers. The national average of consumption of imported beef runs from 6% to 8%, so of course we are "going after" foreign beef; our livelihood is at stake!

Sincerely,

Mrs. GEORGE L. HAYS, *President.*