

STATEMENT OF EUGENE L. STEWART, COUNSEL, PARTS AND DISTRIBUTOR PRODUCTS DIVISIONS, ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, AND AMERICAN LOUDSPEAKER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY W. L. LARSON, VICE CHAIRMAN, PARTS DIVISION; R. W. WOODBURY, VICE CHAIRMAN, DISTRIBUTOR PRODUCTS DIVISION; TYLER NOURSE, STAFF VICE PRESIDENT, PARTS AND DISTRIBUTOR PRODUCTS DIVISIONS; AND HERBERT ROWE, MEMBER, WORLD TRADE COMMITTEE, PARTS DIVISION, AND VICE PRESIDENT, AMERICAN LOUDSPEAKER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Chairman, I am Eugene L. Stewart. I appear here as special counsel for the Parts Division of the Electronic Industries Association, the Distributor Products Division of that association, and the American Loudspeaker Manufacturers Association.

With me at the table are Mr. Herbert Rowe, president of the Muter Co., who is a member, who is vice president of the American Loudspeaker Manufacturers Association; Mr. W. L. Larson, president of Switchcraft, who is vice chairman of the EIA Parts Division; Mr. R. W. Woodbury, who is vice chairman of the EIA Distributor Products Division; and Mr. Tyler Nourse, who is the staff vice president of the Parts and Distributor Products Divisions.

There is listed on the cover of my testimony the names of other industry representatives who are here. Each of them represents an important segment of the components industry, and they will assist if needed in answering questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Stewart, you will want your entire statement made a part of the record. Without objection, it will be made a part of the record and you are recognized, sir.

Mr. STEWART. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In the interest of time I shall summarize our testimony; I hope concisely.

The CHAIRMAN. You may be seated if you desire or stand, either way.

Mr. STEWART. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Let me say at the outset that there is no single industry known as the electronics industry. There are 25 industries in the standard industrial classification at the four-digit level which manufacture articles which have an electronic circuit.

It is impossible, due to the great range of these products to classify them from a marketing or production point of view into a single industry.

Electronic products cover an enormously wide spectrum of hardware in consumer, and industrial, defense and space areas, from transistor radios to airborne computers, from electronic organs to measuring instruments for assembly lines.

Let us make one thing clear on this record. The position that we support is opposed by the Consumer Products Division of the Electronic Industries Association. But let us understand their position.

That position is based upon the vote of companies which account for less than a majority of the U.S. production of such products and that vote was heavily weighted by companies that are primarily importers of either consumer electronic products or electronic components.