

INTRODUCTION

This testimony is on behalf of U. S. manufacturers of electronic parts and components, which are members of the Parts Division, and on behalf of the members of the Distributor Products Division of the Electronic Industries Association, and the American Loudspeaker Manufacturers Association.

Electronic parts and components are the building blocks from which finished electronic products, such as radios and televisions, are assembled.

There is no single "industry" known as the electronics industry. Instead, a group of distinct industries is referred to as the "electronic industries" because the articles they manufacture have one thing in common - the utilization of an electronic circuit.

Thus electronic products are scattered among an enormous spectrum of consumer, industrial, defense, and space hardware: from transistor radios to airborne computers; from electronic organs to measuring instruments on an assembly line. Neither the production nor the marketing of these widely differing products lends itself to