

this tariff. There is, however, an additional factor to be considered in the case of the Coors Company. It is that this company is engaged in production of certain porcelain items of highly secret nature for the Atomic Energy Commission, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, which cannot be secured by these defense agencies from any other source. The nature of these items of course could not be satisfactorily discussed by Mr. Ryland at the public hearings at which he testified. Indeed, some of the items produced by the Coors Company, especially for the Atomic Energy Commission, cannot be discussed with any person who has not received the highest security clearance from the Commission.

I cannot conceive that any serious consideration will be given to a reduction in the tariff on chemical porcelain. However, because of the peculiar essentiality of the Coors Porcelain Company in our national defense picture, I request that if by any chance serious consideration would be given to a reduction in the chemical porcelain tariff, you communicate promptly with me in order that Mr. Ryland can meet with you and arrange a method of demonstration to you and other appropriate officials, within the limits of existing security regulations, his company's essentiality to national defense.

Sincerely,

EUGENE MILLIKIN.

Mr. FULTON. The next witness is Mr. Uecker.

We are pleased to have you appear before the committee.

Will you identify yourself for the record?

STATEMENT OF WILLIAM F. UECKER, WINDOW SHADE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. UECKER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am William F. Uecker, general sales manager of Joanna Western Mills Co., which is one of the member companies of the Window Shade Manufacturers Association.

Mr. Chairman, we have prepared a printed statement here. Perhaps in the interests of time we can submit this for the record.

Mr. FULTON. Without objection, so ordered.

Mr. UECKER. Our position is stated in this printed statement, and I would try to briefly summarize and answer any questions you might have.

First of all, I would like to describe the article in question, as I am aware that it is variously described here in this country as window shades, window blinds, curtains, and so forth.

The article that I am talking about is what is known as window shades. It is commonly a piece of material made out of treated cotton cloth or vinyl plastic sheeting. It is cut and hemmed at the bottom, and it is attached to a wooden roller having a spring-powered mechanism that rolls it up and down at the window.

This provides for easy and efficient and economical privacy and light control.

A recent survey indicated that window shades were used on one or more windows on more than 80 percent of the homes in the United States.

Mr. Chairman, the window shade product is an American invention. The industry itself started here in the United States in the mid-1800's. Our own company has been in operation since 1897.

Interestingly enough, currently, window shades are largely indigenous to the North American Continent, with some use in Western European countries.