

representatives of labor, industry, agriculture as well as outstanding experts in the field.

The Commission would have its own professional staff, with power to request information from the executive branch to hold public hearings if it deemed necessary. In the legislation establishing the Commission, Congress should outline the principles the Commission should follow in its investigation and recommendations. These principles should include the ones I outlined above and any others this committee and the Senate Finance Committee deem advisable.

I conclude as I began. We have reached a turning point for U.S. trade policy. The going will be difficult in the months and years ahead and only full confidence in our competitive strength and wise leadership will insure that we will continue toward the goal of open international commerce.

I have no doubt about our competitive strength and I am confident that this committee will continue to act in the field of trade policy with responsibility and with full awareness of the importance of its decisions in this field to the American people.

I thank the chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Javits, for your very thought-provoking statement to us. You have raised a number of issues that are most important in our deliberations.

Are there any questions?

Thank you, sir, very much.

Senator JAVITS. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. McEwen. We are pleased to have Hon. Robert C. McEwen, our colleague from New York, and you are recognized.

STATEMENT OF HON. ROBERT C. McEWEN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, I appreciate this opportunity of appearing here before your committee and, Mr. Chairman, if I might, I would like to submit following this, an additional statement that might be included in the record of these hearings, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You have that permission, Mr. McEwen.

Mr. McEWEN. I appear before you, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, not as one who presumes to have any expertise in this field of imports and foreign trade, but, if you will, to speak of how I feel these questions relate to the district that I would like to represent.

The CHAIRMAN. The district you do ably represent rather than like to represent.

Mr. McEWEN. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a district that embraces almost 10,000 square miles from the Great Lakes to New England across northern New York. It is endowed with industrious people, good water, and power, and soil, and minerals, and forests.

Yet notwithstanding those factors, gentlemen, it is an area that has that deep green color on our EDA maps as an area that has lagged in employment opportunities. It is a very diversified economy. It is agriculture, it is forest products, it is mining, it is manufacturing.

We produce everything from chocolate bars to papermaking machines, from brassieres to bowling pins and clinical thermometers, but