

I do feel that our foreign trade policy and our policy on imports has had a very profound effect upon the economy of this area and I would merely cite just a few factors.

First, it is a substantial agricultural region, primarily dairying, and I share the concern that so many, including your distinguished colleague on the committee, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Byrnes, and others who have put in legislation on this subject.

I can't help but observe that during a period when we have had unprecedented increases in dairy imports I have seen decreases in the number of farms and in production of milk and milk products in my district.

I mentioned that it is an area that is concerned with mining. The Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.'s New York ore division is located in my district. They have an annual capacity of operation of 1,800,000 gross tons of concentrates, which represents the processing of 5.4 million gross tons of crude ore.

Since 1960, sir, this plant has operated at about 75 percent of capacity and I feel that the importation of foreign iron and steel has had a very definite effect upon this operation.

I know that most of you gentlemen view New York as a great metropolitan state, but we do have considerable mining. In addition to the iron mines, we have talc and I might add that New York is the second largest zinc producing State in the country. The mines of the St. Joseph Lead Co. in my district account for 13 percent of America's total production of zinc.

In 1966 these mines produced 73,454 short tons of zinc valued at \$21,302,000 and, as a byproduct, 1,097 short tons of lead valued at \$332,000.

The employment and contribution to the area economy by these mines is substantial. May I just point out that in 1962 those same mines produced only about 53,000 tons of zinc with a value of \$12,340,000 as compared to that earlier figure of over 73,000 tons and over \$21 million for 1966.

These latter figures show that the industry has been slowly recovering from a depressing condition which it went through but there are signs now that a world surplus in lead and zinc is again finding our market.

I would add that in addition to my concern over dairy imports, over iron and steel imports, and over the imports of lead and zinc concentrates, I am concerned also over the importation of furs from our neighboring country to the north and others, particularly mink, which has a substantial employment in my area.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, let me say that I am not totally concerned with the industries I have mentioned and unconcerned with the matter of foreign trade because I would point out that in my district we have the St. Lawrence Seaway with all of the American facilities located in my district. Substantial employment is afforded on the locks, through pilotage on the vessels, and for the longshoremen and stevedores who work the cargo off ships that come into those ports, so that we are, sir, interested in foreign trade, both in exports and imports. May I strongly urge that this committee consider, as I am sure it will, the effect that imports have in effecting employment opportunities in America because, sir, when I see a district endowed with all of the