

(1) the Governor advise the Massachusetts members of Congress to recommend to the House Ways and Means Committee, at the present session of Congress, that it act favorably in recommending to the Congress of the United States the passage of H.R. 13616 offered by Congressman Burke of Massachusetts in behalf of himself and Congressman Bates.

(2) that the Governor submit a copy of this Resolution to the Executive Committee and through it to the Board of Directors of the New England Council recommending that the New England Council take action in support of the passage of H.R. 13616, and that it not take any action that contravenes this Resolution.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection the committee will recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 1:25 p.m., the committee recessed to reconvene at 2 p.m. the same day.)

AFTER RECESS

(The committee reconvened at 2 p.m., Hon. James A. Burke presiding.)

Mr. BURKE. The committee will come to order.

The next industry to be discussed is the leather goods, and our first witness is Alan Goldstein, accompanied by Mark Richardson, Merrill A. Watson, A. Meyer, Jr., Thomas F. Shannon, and Irving R. Glass.

Will you identify yourself for the record and identify each of your associates, and then you may proceed. If you wish to summarize, you can, and your entire statements will appear in the record.

STATEMENT OF ALAN GOLDSTEIN, CHAIRMAN, NATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, NATIONAL FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION; ACCOMPANIED BY MARK RICHARDSON, PRESIDENT; MERRILL A. WATSON, ECONOMIST; AND THOMAS F. SHANNON, COUNSEL; COORDINATING WITH A. MEYER, JR., PRESIDENT, TANNERS' COUNCIL OF AMERICA, INC.; ACCOMPANIED BY IRVING R. GLASS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT; AND THOMAS F. SHANNON, COUNSEL

Mr. GOLDSTEIN. Congressman Burke and Congressman Schneebeli, I am Alan Goldstein, chairman of the National Affairs Committee of the National Footwear Manufacturers Association. Seated here with me on my left is Dr. Watson, who is economist for the association and also the immediate past president of the National Footwear Manufacturers Association.

Next to him is Irving Glass, executive vice president of the Tanners' Council.

On my immediate left is Mr. A. Meyer, Jr., who is president of the Tanners' Council and also president of the Gutmann Leather Co. of Chicago.

On my immediate right is Thomas Shannon of Collier, Shannon & Rill, who is counsel of the National Footwear Manufacturers Association and the Tanners' Council; and on the far right is Mark Richardson, who is president of the National Footwear Manufacturers Association.

These associations which I represent manufacture over 90 percent of the footwear made in the United States.