

One year ago, we were given a dramatic demonstration of how quickly we might have to become dependent upon our own oil resources. Surely no thoughtful American can say that this could not happen again. Our preparation for another such emergency should not consist of developing new foreign sources of oil, or encouraging higher imports, but in strengthening our domestic industry. It met the challenge a year ago, but in many areas its resources were greatly strained.

Representatives of the oil industry in my district have presented to this committee information backed by reliable statistics to demonstrate the industry's needs under a sound oil imports program. To keep that industry ready to meet the next challenge, it asks a one cent per gallon crude oil price increase; a chance to sell, as well as to buy, at today's market prices; and a full investigation of the administrative process concerning oil imports, to the end that the import program will achieve the purpose for which it was intended: to keep our domestic oil industry strong enough to meet the urgent needs of national security for our highly industrialized Nation.

The CHAIRMAN. We appreciate your sharing your views with us, Mr. White. Are there any questions?

Mr. WHITE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Matsunaga? Mr. McClure?

Mr. McClure, we appreciate having you and those with you at the hearing this morning and if you will identify yourself we will be glad to recognize you, sir.

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Mr. McCLURE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

My name is Harold M. McClure, Jr. I am president of the McClure Oil Co., Alma, Mich. I appear today as president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, a national trade association with a membership of approximately 5,000 oil and gas producers, including land and royalty owners located in producing areas throughout the United States. In addition, I have been asked by the Michigan Oil and Gas Association, Lansing, Mich.; the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, Newark, Ohio; the Kentucky Oil and Gas Association, Owens-