

**STATEMENT OF HON. WILLIAM M. COLMER, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

Mr. COLMER. Mr. Chairman, I wish to make a statement in support of H.R. 8922, a bill to regulate imports of milk and dairy products.

Section 22 of the Agriculture Adjustment Act has not been effective in dealing with dairy products. At this time, there are large quantities of foreign dairy products being imported into the United States without any controls. These various dairy products are being imported in ever-increasing quantities, adding to the numerous problems facing dairy farmers and their cooperatives, and increasing the cost to the Government in its operation of the price support program.

There is an urgent need for these regulations, and in order to prevent disaster in this industry there must be legislation limiting dairy imports.

I ask for your careful consideration and approval of H.R. 8922.

Thank you.

Mr. HERLONG. Are there any questions; if not, then thank you again, Mr. Colmer.

Our colleague, the Honorable W. M. Abbitt of Virginia, is our next witness. Welcome, sir, you are recognized.

**STATEMENT OF HON. W. M. ABBITT, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF VIRGINIA**

Mr. ABBITT. I would like to point out the dangers to our domestic dairy industry in the continuance of our present policy of setting import quota systems on dairy products.

The problem is very simple. We have quotas on some dairy products, do not have quotas on others. So, importers simply turn their surplus milk into the products which are not limited by quotas. Furthermore, by slightly changing the form of a dairy product which is under a quota, the new product is imported without any limitation in complete evasion of the law.

As many countries increased export subsidies, milk production increased. With these subsidies, surplus dairy products are being shipped to this country at prices undercutting the American market.

What is needed is a system of effective quotas so that our domestic market will be preserved for our dairy farmers.

This can best be done—in my opinion—under the Dairy Import Act which I have introduced as H.R. 5032 along with bills by over 200 other Members of the House.

This bill would set effective quotas on all dairy products and would end once-and-for-all the use of these evasion techniques.

It seems that as soon as one dairy import loophole is closed, the importers figure out another one.

You have seen what has happened. When a product starts taking a large share of the American market, section 22 action is taken and quotas are set on these products after injury has already been sustained.

For example, evaporated milk was not under any quota. On June 10 of this year the President issued a proclamation setting temporary section 22 quotas on evaporated milk. If the Dairy Import Act were