

This parity price goal cannot be attained if large scale imports are permitted because they either will render the price support program ineffective, or involve the Government in the purchase of such large volumes of imported products so as to cause the discontinuation of the program. Not only are dairy farmers hurt by these imports, but imports added \$131,177,198 of unnecessary cost to the price support program in 1967 alone.

Effective import controls are necessary to provide dairy farmers a level of income commensurate with that received by other segments of our economy, and to enable farmers to maintain a strong and progressive industry in the face of ever-increasing costs.

These controls are also necessary to provide an opportunity for our dairy farmers operating in our high-price and high-wage economy to compete free from inroads of large supplies of foreign products made cheap through subsidy arrangements.

It is obvious that a great many Members of Congress share my concern for the large increase in dairy imports. Evidence of this, of course, is the large number of Members who have joined in the introduction of legislation similar to H.R. 8297.

I strongly believe that this legislation is needed to stop the flow of unneeded dairy products which are being shipped into this country. Accordingly, I hope that this committee will take favorable action as quickly as possible on the recommendations contained in H.R. 8297.

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

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HERLONG. The next witness this afternoon is Mr. E. M. Norton.

If you will, please, identify yourself for the purpose of the record and proceed in your own way, we will appreciate it, sir.

STATEMENT OF OTIE M. REED, NATIONAL MILK PRODUCERS FEDERATION

Mr. REED. Mr. Norton has been delayed. I am Mr. Reed and will appear to make this statement in his place.

Mr. HERLONG. Fine; thank you, sir. Will you identify yourself, Mr. Reed, for the record.

Mr. REED. My name is Otie M. Reed. I represent the National Milk Producers Federation. We have offices at 30 F Street, here in Washington, D.C.

The Federation is composed of dairy cooperatives owned and operated by dairy farmers. We have members in all States of the continental United States, and taken together they produce and market a complete line of milk products.

Mr. Chairman, I have here a rather lengthy statement which I would like your permission to file for the record.

Mr. HERLONG. Without objection, it will appear at length in the record.

Mr. REED. I will give, orally, a summary of this lengthy statement.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you, sir.

Mr. REED. I am going to talk mostly today in connection with quotas on dairy products. We feel that quantitative controls must be put on imports of dairy products, and must be kept on imports of dairy prod-