

an unreasonably high level—a level not contemplated by any of the omnibus orderly marketing or import ceiling bills now before Congress. As stated above the escape clause mechanism of the TEA is unworkable and apparently is not to be changed for industries seriously affected by imports.

Under the circumstances, we urgently recommend that no further tariff cutting authority be delegated until the past and future effects of our trade policy can be more thoroughly analyzed and effective or mandatory reservations from negotiations be established for industries such as the chili pepper and paprika industry.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you, Mr. Crane, for your testimony. Any questions?

Mr. UTT. I don't have a question but I am glad Mr. Crane brought out the effect of the bracero program on agriculture. It is a very interesting thing in that for years and years we have not had the agriculture people coming before this committee asking for relief.

Since we had the bracero program terminated which was simply a supplemental supply of labor they have been coming in by droves. I know in California there they are in the same boat that you are in, that the bracero labor was a supplemental program that helped make it.

I planted a crop with the normal domestic help. When it came time to harvest it I had to have supplemental labor. If I couldn't get that supplemental labor I left that crop and went into a completely mechanized crop. We just had testimony, before you came into the room, from Florida tomato growers who had one grower that dropped from 373 employees down to 75 because he went out of tomatoes into a mechanized crop, potatoes, and in that group were a lot of Mexican laborers who lost their jobs because there was no supplemental program available.

I know the bracero program is not a matter for this committee to consider, but we are getting the indirect results of the bracero program. Thank you.

Mr. CRANE. Thank you, Mr. Utt.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you very much for your statement.

Mr. HERLONG. The next witness is Mr. Fred W. Burrows. Mr. Burrows if you will identify yourself for the purpose of the record we will be happy to receive your statement.

STATEMENT OF FRED W. BURROWS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL APPLE ASSOCIATION

Mr. BURROWS. Thank you. My name is Fred W. Burrows and I am executive vice president of the International Apple Association with offices here in Washington, D.C.

If it is all right with the Chairman we would like to summarize our statement and have the entire statement appear in the record.

Mr. HERLONG. Without objection the entire statement will appear in the record.

Mr. BURROWS. The International Apple Association is a nonprofit membership organization serving the entire fruit industry with emphasis on apples and winter pears. Our membership covers all segments of the apples and winter pear industry, including producers, packers, shippers, processors, wholesale and retail distributors, exporters, importers, and allied industries.