

the sustenance and clothing of our people and of other friendly peoples throughout the world; and

Whereas no other nation on earth pays its agricultural workers as well or maintains such a high standard of living and healthful environment for her people as does the United States and that as a result thereof, the cost of labor for food production in the United States greatly exceeds the cost of labor in any other nation; and

Whereas in our determination to provide only the most wholesome foods of the highest qualities possible for our citizens we have added to the cost of food production expensive inspection and grading services for the benefit of our consumers; and

Whereas the preceding factors have resulted in an unavoidable increase in the prices of home grown agricultural products; and

Whereas foreign agricultural products do not have to contend with comparable cost increasing factors and therefore are economically sold for a price lower than that of the home grown agricultural products, causing the American product to have an unfavorable competitive position; and

Whereas the disparity in prices between home grown and foreign grown agricultural products induced by governmental action can only be removed by governmental action; and

Whereas if remedial action is not forthcoming the American agricultural industry will expire and the American consumer, though initially paying a lower price, would eventually be at the mercy of prices set solely by foreign producers and food quotas authorized by foreign governments; and

Whereas the lack of remedial action will result in American investment in foreign agricultural industries with a consequential additional depletion of the gold supply; and

Whereas food has been recognized by the federal government as our most powerful weapon in the fight for peace; and

Whereas the collapse of the American agricultural industry or a reduction in the productive capacity of such industry would detrimentally affect the civil defense posture of the country as the survivors of a civil defense emergency would be solely dependent upon American agricultural products for continued existence: Be it

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: That the Congress of the United States be and is hereby requested to maintain those protective agricultural import tariffs which currently exist, and be it further

Resolved, That the Congress of the United States make a detailed determination of what additional agricultural tariffs and quantitative limitations of imports is needed to perpetuate the American agricultural industry and that the Congress expeditiously enact such import controls, and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this memorial be dispatched to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.

Effective June 21, 1967.

STATEMENT OF SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF STATE DEPARTMENTS OF
AGRICULTURE, MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

A resolution to the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, and the Secretary of Agriculture of the United States.

Whereas the government of the United States has established as national policy that poverty within this nation shall be eliminated, that every citizen is entitled to a decent and respectable standard of living and each worker entitled to a minimum wage in excess of that earned by the citizens of any other nation; and

Whereas the United States, the world's greatest agricultural nation, depends heavily upon agricultural laborers to produce the necessary food and fiber for the sustenance and clothing of our people and of other friendly peoples throughout the world; and