

But we are firmly convinced through years of close association with this controversy that the almost unprecedented support or acceptance of the Senate-passed version by the three general farm organizations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and leading organizations in the railroad and regulated motor carrier industries commends it to you for prompt and favorable action.

We thank you for the opportunity to present the position and recommendations of the Council for action on this important matter. (The appendices referred to follow:)

APPENDIX I

INTERSTATE COMMERCE ACT, PART II SECTION 203(b) (5)

Section 203(b): "Nothing in this part, except the provisions of section 203 relative to qualifications and maximum hours of service of employees and safety of operation or standards of equipment shall be construed to include . . . (5) motor vehicles controlled and operated by a cooperative association as defined in the Agricultural Marketing Act, approved June 15, 1929, as amended, or by a federation of such cooperative associations, if such federation possesses no greater powers or purposes than cooperative associations so defined;"

APPENDIX II

SECTION 15(a) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ACT—APPROVED JUNE 15, 1929, AS AMENDED (49 STAT. 317, 12 U.S.C.A. 1141j(a))

As used in this act, the term "cooperative association" means any association in which farmers act together in processing, preparing for market, handling, and/or marketing the farm products of persons so engaged, and also means any association in which farmers act together in purchasing, testing, grading, processing, distributing, and/or furnishing farm supplies and/or farm business services: *Provided, however,* That such associations are operated for the mutual benefit of the members thereof as such producers or purchasers and conform to one or both of the following requirements:

First. That no member of the association is allowed more than one vote because of the amount of stock or membership capital he may own therein; and

Second. That the association does not pay dividends on stock or membership capital in excess of 8 per centum per annum.

And in any case to the following:

Third. That the association shall not deal in farm products, farm supplies, and farm business services with or for nonmembers in an amount greater in value than the total amount of such business transacted by it with or for members. All business transacted by any cooperative association for or on behalf of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof shall be disregarded in determining the volume of member and nonmember business transacted by such association.

Mr. HARMANSON. Mr. Chairman, if I might add just a word, Mr. Newsom, Master of the National Grange, was unable to be here in person today. He has asked me to present at this time a letter for the record in which the Grange gives unconditional support for S. 752 as passed by the Senate.

Mr. FRIEDEL. It may be placed in the record. (The document referred to follows:)

NATIONAL GRANGE,
Washington, D.C., June 28, 1968.

Re S. 752 and H.R. 6530.

Hon. SAMUEL N. FRIEDEL,

Chairman, Subcommittee on Transportation and Aeronautics, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN FRIEDEL: The National Grange supports S. 752 as passed by the Senate on June 4, 1968 and respectfully recommends its early approval by