

TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY
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In 1979, as Governor of my State, I made my first trip to Japan. The purpose of that trip, and the seven more to follow, was to acquaint the business and political leaders of that great country with my state of Oregon in hopes that our trade with them would increase. In this I was not alone, for I have been told that in 1986 more than half of our U.S. Governors made trade missions to Japan.

Japan was then, and remains today, our largest trading partner. Mirror-like this country has been significantly important to America.

Eight years ago the trade through our ports was two billion, seven hundred million dollars. At the end of 1986, it was four billion, nine hundred million dollars. This, of course, was two way trade.

For many years, we have had Japanese business interests represented in Oregon, numbering as many as sixty-six. Beginning in late 1983, with a major announcement, we have had nine Japanese companies announce expansion or acquisition into our state totaling a potential \$773 million dollars in capital investment and producing 6,200 potential Oregon jobs. One of them is my client in this hearing, Fujitsu, Ltd.

The point of all of this is to demonstrate that Japan has been wooed by the United States and individual states. They have invested in the United States in their own interests as well as in an attempt to deal with controversial issue of the balance of trade. At the same

time they have significantly helped states like Oregon that were reeling under the effects of our recession by finding construction and full-time jobs for their citizens.

In my own judgement, the Japanese government has pushed their consensus society at their own political risk in an attempt to slow the rising trade deficit. It is lamentable that we have reached the point we have today, a reaction I am certain that is shared by the Administration.

Nonetheless, we are at that point; and, although I have some very strong feelings about free trade, misunderstandings between long time allies and partners and the pell-mell rush of some who are inadvisedly proposing destructive legislation, I will no burden this hearings with those thoughts.

Instead, I appear in support of the contention that United States companies not be injured by the proposal, that items unavailable in this country be excluded from the order and that the final document does not include items sold on an O.E.M. basis to United States firms which by itself would severely affect United States O.E.M. customers who number in the hundreds. In that regard, I attach the items of specific concern to me and to Fujitsu, Ltd. with the appropriate tariff item number and description. It is my belief you will see the logic in our request and eliminate them from your proposal. These relate to Magnetic Tape Cartridge Media, 10.5" Hard Magnetic Disk Media, and Special Testing Equipment from Fujitsu, Ltd. to provide specialized manufacturing capabilities for their factories in Hillsboro, Oregon; Dallas, Texas; and, Palm Bay, Florida. This test equipment is not for resale in America, but will provide additional jobs for Americans, direct and indirect. Conversely, if the tariff were applied many jobs would be lost.

I am grateful to live in a society that allows full public hearings and honest debate on issues of concern to us as American. Thanks you very much for the time you have given to me.

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