

exchanges can be separated from prices on the international markets, in order to avoid subversive imports. It's simple: no dumping policies allowed! We don't accept the lowest bidder principle of [British economist David] Ricardo.

For me, we can even lift the overall framework of the Havana Charter, and make it better. The Charter gives the farmers an economic model today.

Don't Allow Monopolies

From the 1940s until the 1980s, there was a strong restructuring of the farm labor sector. Between the 1980s and 2000, the productive tools were taken over by cooperatives and private companies. Since 2000, we have had the very rapid, complete financial takeover dominated by the multi-nationals and trade unions.

Farming should never have been industrialized, because now the sector has a negative phase. There is what is called the monopoly of the production factors. We work with living animals, not like politicians who live with wind. We work with the climate; we're planting plants which are harvested only six to nine months later. We cannot industrialize an agricultural model. We have to deal with the monopoly of the production factors.

Then, the current policy is aggravating free trade with lies. We're being told that Macron went to China, and that we in France got contracts to export milk or pork. That's not a good thing. Each time this kind of thing is done, what we discover is that at the end, it's not the producers who get rich or get the profit, but only the big companies.

The issue is really to increase the income of the producers. The volumes of production do exist; what we have to do, is to stop wasting. There is about 30% of everything produced which is wasted in the current system. So, the issue is not volume, we just have to make it more rational. We have to irrigate the lands which need it, and not do absurd projects as we see today in France.

Beware Diversionary Debates

The last point is diversion of attention. We've been manipulated over the last 40 years by a farm press which is putting out lies which tell us that each farmer has to become bigger and bigger, to manipulate us as if we are little soldiers in the army of the mega-agro-businesses. Beware about the messages we receive. We're being told that we should attack the Greenies.

We should attack, of course, eating insects and synthetic meat. This is pushed by people, and the Greens are pushing unrealistic projects and dangerous projects.

We are being manipulated to create divisions among us. The real issue is not the Greenies, the real issue is the wages of the farmers. The real issue is not the Greenies who have unrealistic projects which take attention away from the real problems. This is all a diversion of the debate. So, dear farmers, don't waste your time, this is not the debate.

Thank you for this short intervention. I just want to add one thing, which is the question of the currency in France, with the euro. The euro is a currency which cannot function for farm trade, because it is a weapon for exports and imports, nothing else.

Conclusion: The Havana Charter is the basis to keep farmers alive and we have to manage prices and volumes of production in each country by independent people, independent from trade unions and political parties. Thank you.

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Hello, I'm Bill Bullard, CEO of R-CALF USA. With approximately 5,000 cattle-producing members, in nearly every state of our union, we're the largest producer-only cattle trade organization in the United States.

And we've been monitoring our European counterparts' courageous and effective efforts to restore liberty and freedom to farmers and ranchers in the face of a sinister global plot to rob them of both.

They will succeed, which will enable them to get back to what they do best: Produce an abundance of safe, wholesome and affordable food. It's a tragic irony that farmers and ranchers must fight for the right to

produce the food needed by all.

And we certainly appreciate our European counterparts' willingness to do so.

Restore Great Infrastructure Projects, Produce Food!

James 'Jim' Moore

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Good morning. I'm Jim Moore. I am a commercial fisherman. I live in southeast Alaska, and I am very grateful to be invited to have a small part of this wonderful conference. We want to see a beautiful future for our children. We're in a position to—we have to act.

I was thinking of an ironic thing here a little while ago. In a world where there is starvation of millions of people—and this should never be, with our degree of technology and advancement, you know. To be in a food producing industry such as ours, or as in agriculture, you would think that that would be a pretty secure job. But it's not.

We're fighting for survival, ironically. The major threat that our fishing industry in southeast Alaska—I'm a troller, primarily. A troller—a long-liner—a troller is someone who tows hooks through the water, and entices the fish to bite. Salmon is the target species.

This industry—there are probably 1,500 families that are dependent on this livelihood, is on the chopping block. It is slated for destruction. It's being destroyed by a lawsuit originating from an extreme left-of-center radical environmental, deep environmental group. How can they do this? It's beyond anybody's imagination that they would be able to get so far with this lawsuit, which they are winning.

This problem stems from the fact that, back in the seventies, we had legislation—the ESA (Endangered Species Act), the EPA (Environmental Protection Act),

and all these kind of things. It was thought, this is a really good idea. And there were some good intentions there. But it's been weaponized. It's being used to shut down industry, critical infrastructure, and this is the problem that I wanted to point out. We need to do something.

In fact, a weaponized ESA not only poses an immediate threat by disrupting food production, but unless serious flaws in the legislation are addressed now, the nationwide infrastructure upgrade necessary to put the economy on a solid footing will be next to impossible.

We need that platform of infrastructure in order to be able to—well, you know, peace is equivalent with development, and we can't develop under this situation.

I can't imagine the great projects of our nation's past, like the TVA, or the Four Corners, or rural electrification, or the Trans-Continental Railroad, ever happening within the straitjacket of these hyper-protectionist, zero-growth laws, in their present form.

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