

Mrs. KELLY. How much time did the claimants have to prove their claims under the Polish claims program?

Mr. RE. From 1960 to March 31, 1966. This is really longer than most other programs.

Mrs. KELLY. Could you tell us at this point how much time was given to the other claimants?

You can submit it for the record.

Mr. RE. We will be happy to do so.

(The information referred to follows:)

- A. Yugoslav: June 30, 1951–December 31, 1954.
- B. Panamanian: June 30, 1951–December 31, 1954.
- C. Bulgarian: September 30, 1955–August 9, 1959.
- D. Hungarian: September 30, 1955–August 9, 1959.
- E. Rumanian: September 30, 1955–August 9, 1959.
- F. Italian: September 30, 1955–May 31, 1960.
- G. Soviet: September 30, 1955–August 9, 1959.
- H. Czechoslovakian: September 15, 1958–September 15, 1962.
- I. Polish: July 16, 1960–March 31, 1966.

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Frelinghuysen?

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Thank you.

I am not sure why this bill has the special provision for the Italian claimants. Why do we need to extend these benefits to them?

Haven't they had long enough to file their claims?

Mr. RE. Yes, they have. The reason why the problem arises, sir, is because—

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You probably have already covered this, and I apologize for coming in late.

Mr. RE. That's all right, sir.

The best answer is found in the prepared statement which I submitted. It tells precisely why we are requesting this legislation.

As I said, we have \$1,088,000 left over in the Italian claims fund.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. But that doesn't necessarily burn a hole in your pocket, I shouldn't think.

Mr. RE. No. It does mean however that if there is a worthy category of claimants who have a claim to that fund, they ought to be considered. And there is a worthy category. You take, for instance, the Dodecanese situation, where American nationals had property there—they simply were forgotten, and have not had an opportunity to present their claims.

What we are proposing is that we adjudicate their claims and permit the awards to be paid out of this fund.

I would be very happy to—

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. You are referring to your statement on page 8, the big paragraph on page 8. I am wondering about the paragraph prior to that. It says:

The bill * * * would reopen and extend the Italian claims program to cover claims * * * not previously compensable because of late filing * * *

Mr. RE. That is correct.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Why are we giving them the advantage of coming in at this point? Haven't they had long enough?

Mr. RE. It is true that we recommended that the late filers in the Italian program—

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. My question is why. The general provisions of international law would not allow this kind of exception. I am