

Mr. GRAY. That is a different matter entirely. I am sure you would not contend the Congress of the United States would not supersede any particular action of an individual State. If you are arguing when we pass a Federal law, any States could get together and any legislature undo that law, we would not have too much national legislation if that could happen—you know, in some States in particular.

Mr. AVERY. What I am suggesting is an interstate compact may be different. I hope I never have to pass on the question. I see a problem as a lawyer. Maybe it would accomplish that result, but I think that somebody could raise a question as to whether it does or not.

Mr. WRIGHT. Under the Articles of Federation you are right, but—

Mr. AVERY. I think a compact is different from ordinary legislation. It is kind of like a contract between the United States and two States. Maybe one party can withdraw from that contract unilaterally, but I am not sure.

Mr. GRAY. I do not think anyone questions, even with the liberal views of the Supreme Court, I do not think they would rule Congress could not have a right to legislate on Federal property. I do not think anybody would say that.

I yield to Mr. Denney.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, we are talking about abstract matters here. I would like to ask the witness, do you have a copy of the compact in your office or here?

Mr. AVERY. I have my own copy with me and my General Counsel, Mr. Cunningham, has got one.

Mr. DENNEY. Do you have a copy of the memo opinion, if there was one, from the appeals court?

Mr. AVERY. Yes, sir. I think we have 50 copies of that that Mr. Cunningham could distribute.

Mr. DENNEY. Mr. Chairman, I would like to suggest, and ask unanimous consent, that the compact and the memo opinion be inserted in the record at this point.

We have counsel on this subcommittee and we also have attorneys here, and we are talking about an interpretation of an agreement and opinion by this witness. I think we should have the benefit of the foundation and we may be able to work out some language that definitely would preserve in the U.S. Government control over its own property, which I think is something Mr. Wright is bringing out.

Mr. GRAY. I think it is a very good suggestion. Without objection, we will leave the record open if you would like to submit a copy.

Mr. AVERY. We have it. I thought you would like that, Mr. Chairman, and we brought the material with us and we will make it available right now.

(The material follow:)