

Mr. PICKLE. Do we have a representative of the Defense Department here this morning?

Do we know, Mr. Chairman, what their position is on this particular measure?

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mrs. Brown says they have not changed. They were opposed to S. 752.

You state they have not changed their views, Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. BROWN. That is my understanding.

Mr. PICKLE. As you understand it, what is the view of the Defense Department?

Mr. Chairman, inasmuch as I am asking for a statement of position with respect to another Department, I would ask that the record reflect what is the Defense Department's position on this measure if it is agreeable.

Mr. FRIEDEL. As I understand it, they are opposed to the bill.

Mr. PICKLE. I would like for it to be a part of the record if that is agreeable.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Without objection.

(See Department of Defense report, p. 9.)

Mrs. BROWN. That would be fine because I am not positive, Mr. Chairman, but I think possibly their statement of position was put in prior to amendment, as far as the record goes.

Mr. PICKLE. One other question.

Does this measure have anything to do with the rate to be charged for the hauling of any of these commodities? The rate structure is not involved in any way with respect to this measure; is that correct?

Mrs. BROWN. That is correct.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Chairman, I would like to reserve time for other questions I may have later.

Mr. FRIEDEL. All right.

Mr. Devine.

Mr. DEVINE. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

I want to welcome Mrs. Brown and commend you for a thorough and brief statement on behalf of the Commission.

Mrs. BROWN. Thank you very much, Mr. Devine.

Mr. FRIEDEL. Mr. Adams.

Mr. ADAMS. Mrs. Brown, it is nice to have you here this morning.

On page 3 and page 4 of your statement, the various limitations are confusing. I would like to go through them and perhaps you can tell me whether I have this right; starting with the paragraph at the bottom of page 3 and over to page 4, I would like to go through it.

As I understand the exemption, this is on back hauls for others; first their hauling must be incidental to farming; that is, the first one, except they may give 15 percent for nonmembers. Is that right?

Mrs. BROWN. That is right.

Mr. ADAMS. Then you allow, even though it may be a farm commodity and it may be for a farmer, you have a limitation on it that if they are nonmembers the total amount that is hauled in 1 year, even if it is a farm commodity, if it is for nonmembers must be less than 50 percent of the total amount that is hauled by the farmer.

You have about three balls in the air at the same time. I am trying to take them apart. Mrs. Brown, this is basically for the nonmember farmer.