Cheyenne, October 9, 1967.

Hon. Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senator, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Gruening: Thank you for your letter explaining the purpose of the need for your bill which would give states first priority in claiming govern-

ment surplus property.

I would certainly endorse the objectives of your bill. It seems to me that an view of the fact that surplus property is bought and paid for by the taxpayers' dollars, the states and their political subdivisions are entitled to a higher priority than foreign aid recipients. With states and local governments struggling to meet increased demands in the face of inadequate revenues, your bill would be of considerable belong to these units of government. considerable help to these units of government. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

STANLEY HATHAWAY,

Senator Gruening. We will now stand in recess until further call. (Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the subcommittee was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.) 0