

Senator HANSEN. I also want to commend you for the statement you made of the threat that is posed to our national security by permitting time to run out in this regard. I agree completely.

Captain MILLER. Thank you.

Senator HANSEN. No further questions.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Allott?

Senator ALLOTT. Just one question. I do not want to try to correct you, but was not the dollar figure that you mentioned in reference only to the retorting?

Captain MILLER. That is right.

Senator ALLOTT. Not to the mining or the disposal of the material?

Captain MILLER. No. Cost of retorting.

Senator ALLOTT. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Captain. We appreciate having your statement.

Our next witness is Mr. Frank Wallick, representing the United Auto Workers. Mr. Wallick, we are delighted to have you. You have a prepared statement.

STATEMENT OF FRANKLIN WALLICK, WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE, AND AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO

Mr. WALLICK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, I am Franklin Wallick, Washington legislative representative of the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, and on behalf of our organization I appreciate the opportunity to appear before this committee to discuss public policy regarding oil shale.

The UAW believes that Congress should move with extreme caution in leasing public land for private development of oil shale. Oil shale deposits may be worth some \$300 billion, and I think that is a very low estimate, and at least 85 percent of this is located on public land.

Few Americans today realize how rich they are, and they have every right to know precisely what the implications are of any private leasing of so vast and rich a national resource.

John Kenneth Galbraith, a member of Secretary Udall's Oil Shale Advisory Board, issued a warning, to which we in the UAW fully subscribe, when he said:

The American people are not presently aware of the wealth they own in these deposits. It is important both for the conservation and wise and equitable development of these resources, that there be the widest public knowledge of this endowment and the issues concerning their exploitation. An informed public will be a major source of strength to officials seeking sound conservation policies. We urge that all conservation-minded members of the Congress and the public inform themselves fully on this vast resource and policies concerning its use.

Those words were written 2 years ago. They are still true today. The American people, I fear, are in the dark about oil shale and what it means to this Nation. These hearings are a welcome opportunity for the public to understand better the consequences of Government policy on so rich a public treasure.