

Mr. CRAMER. That is why we want to see those regulations.

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Secretary, may I ask another question: Do you have any procedure whereby you notify people that you think might be affected? After all, if some of these loans——

Mr. O'MALLEY. Congressman, we could not do that. There are a variety of people that might be interested, whose interests we cannot identify. It would not be that we would not want any interested party to have knowledge that there is such an application, but we would have no way of knowing——

Mr. CLEVELAND. Mr. Secretary, how would the nurserymen down in North Carolina avail themselves of the right to come in and say that he is going to have unfair competition if he did not know that you were contemplating lending to a competitor? This would be totally useless to say that you would let them talk, if you do not tell the people that may be affected what is going on. Do you have any answer to that?

Mr. O'MALLEY. We have no way of notifying any possible interested party, and the fact that we have received an application——well, we do not know what their interests might be, or who that might be. If anyone comes to us and says: You have an application pending, we would like to be heard in connection with it. We are always very glad to hear and discuss our situation.

Mr. CRAMER. Do you mean to say in this particular instance of the cut flower and nursery business that you would not realize that those at least in the North Carolina area, the same general area, would be interested in knowing, pursuant to 702, that there was a loan being contemplated?

Mr. O'MALLEY. I am sure——

Mr. CRAMER. And have an opportunity to let them know how it affects their business?

Mr. O'MALLEY. I am sure a great many people in the industry did know that loan had been contemplated, and I am sure a great many of them were consulted before this contract was entered into.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I think on that point that we are going to have our staff people get with your staff. There certainly will be memorandums or letters or reports to document the consultation that took place, if there was such consultation, I would think.

Mr. O'MALLEY. I am sure——

Mr. EDMONDSON. I am sure nobody did it on the telephone, without making a record or memorandum about it.

We will want to get that for the record, for the future hearings.

Frankly, I think that it is something that you folks surely will be expected to have, and to supply to the subcommittee.

We are in session at this time, and a quorum call is in progress. The subcommittee stands adjourned subject to further call of the chair.

(Whereupon, at 11:17 a.m., the subcommittee adjourned, subject to call of the Chair.)

