

I can only second Mr. Vance's comments on my desire to attack the docket of the Commission with a view to working through the cases there as rapidly as possible and meeting the congressional deadlines.

It seems to me that it would be a salutary procedure for us to work closely with this and other committees of Congress so that on a periodic basis you will know exactly what problems we may be facing and what difficulties we may be having if we are not meeting a reasonable schedule. I would welcome such a procedure.

The CHAIRMAN. Have you read the report that accompanied S. 307?

Mr. YARBOROUGH. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. You understand fully the clear intent of this committee in reporting out that extension?

Mr. YARBOROUGH. Yes, sir; the committee's concern is quite evident. I share their feeling that there should be some more visible evidence of acceleration of this docket.

The CHAIRMAN. We expect this work to be cleaned up by 1972 and the Commission to go out of business by 1972. We will be following the work very closely. Do you give assurance that you will do everything you can to expedite it?

Mr. YARBOROUGH. That would be my hope, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. The third nominee is Mr. Jerome Kuykendall, of Virginia, formerly of the State of Washington.

Mr. Kuykendall served as Chairman of the Federal Public Power Commission, and previously had served as assistant attorney general for my State of Washington. He is a very able lawyer. While we have had some differences in the past, I am sure that he will discharge his duties and responsibilities in connection with this assignment fairly and adequately.

Mr. Kuykendall, do you wish to make a statement?

STATEMENT OF JEROME K. KUYKENDALL, NOMINEE FOR COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSION

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Chairman, I will certainly say I will make every effort to discharge the duties faithfully and fairly. I believe I am capable of doing so. I think this work, while it needs to be hurried up, will be very enjoyable as well as providing the satisfaction of cleaning it up.

As you mentioned, I was Chairman of the Federal Power Commission and I had many frustrations there with administrative delays. I know in many cases the delays were intentional on the part of some parties, who thought they would thereby gain an advantage.

But we don't have anywhere near that kind of problem here. We have only two parties, the U.S. Government and the Indian tribes.

We will have to be careful to give the Indians fair warning of everything, since some of them don't even have lawyers, and there may be problems getting them to move.

I gather the Department of Justice is ready to move on a great number of cases.

I will just tell the committee that if I am approved by the committee and confirmed, I will do everything in my power to expedite this work in a fair and just and fast way.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair would like to ask a general question.