

We, too, would like to see benefits from the green gold referred to in the report, but not at the expense of sacrificing industries so widely established throughout southeastern Alaska.

Instead of exporting round logs, we advocate an expansion in the export of processed timber for which a Japanese market has been developed and expanded, leading towards greater economic stability in our communities. Let the export of processed timber from Alaska be expanded to the extent necessary to be of the same benefit to the U.S. balance of payments referred to in the report.

Sincerely yours,

SAYERS McALPIN.

Whatever comments you wish to make about that letter you are welcome to do so now.

Mr. VAN BRUNT. I have been in Ketchikan with local 62 on several occasions, and they have consistently taken the position that any log exports would reduce the number of footage or the amount of footage of export in cants and so on from southeastern Alaska.

As I repeat, the only answer is to get into the finished product market in Japan. If they were finishing what they are shipping right now from Alaska, it would greatly increase their man-hours, their number of employees in the lumber and sawmilling industry. It is true it wouldn't do anything for the longshoring industry but it is not the longshore industry that we are here concerned with as far as loss of jobs is concerned. We feel that Alaska is not cutting and their records show they are not cutting anywhere near what they could cut, and that some of the pressure could be relieved from the exportable round logs from Alaska. The State of Alaska in its entirety does not agree with the shipment of round logs, I can tell you from experience. I have been to the office of these gentlemen up there, both in Alaska and here, and our people there feel the same way as is stated in the letter.

I think that with development of the market in Japan, that it will increase the longshore activity as well as the lumber mill activity in Alaska. Again we have to get into the market.

Senator MORSE. I have one more topic I want to raise before I dismiss this panel, and you may comment on it now, any that care to, and you can supplement your comments with a written memorandum between now and the closing of the record.

As you heard me say this morning, the hearing will close Tuesday night of next week. The record will close at 5 p.m. on January 30. That gives you time from the closing of the hearings to the closing of the record to file any memorandums by way of rebuttal statements that you may wish to file.

With this chairman in this case, as in all hearings, he wants to see to it that the parties have complete opportunity to get into this record any point of view, any arguments, any data that they want to present to the committee for its consideration when we come to decide in executive session what our recommendations to the administration will be.

Throughout these hearings, may I say to the three of you, there has been a considerable amount of discussion of a matter of national policies relating to the administration by the Federal Government of Federal forests. I am not presenting an argumentative statement, but just a report of what I think is a fair summary of the views that have been expressed in regard to this particular issue or subject that I now raise.