

sending all of these round logs over to Japan from Oregon and Washington they would be buying more lumber from us in Alaska.

Representative CLAUSEN. The reason I am asking the question is, would we be correcting an international problem by helping to develop the board lumber industry in their area and then all of a sudden have to, in effect, have a recall situation to meet the local domestic demands?

Mr. DAVIDSON. No, I do not think so. And look, let's put it this way. There is about three-quarters billion feet a year that goes to Japan in round logs, pretty close to it, from private timber holdings and from the State lands of Washington. I think it is around 750 million to 800 million, something like that.

Now, we are talking about a 350 million limitation on national forests on Federal lands. I say cut it all out. It can live on that three-quarter billion.

Let me make one other point while I am thinking about it. When our negotiators go to Japan, we should not be scared to death in talking to them. If anybody ever goes into a negotiation, and at some point is not willing to walk out of it and go home, you are beat before you start. And this is what I am afraid of. We are so scared that they might run away from us. Well, I say, one, where are they going to run, because they need our resources, and two, I do not believe Japan feels that way. They feel close to us. They appreciate what we have done for them over the past 25 years, and they do not want us to go down any more than we want them to go down.

But I think our State Department has got to get tough. I do not think we can flop around on this question.

Representative CLAUSEN. Have you approached some of the people in the State Department?

Mr. DAVIDSON. Look, as I tell you, I have no business being here. I am here in Washington and in New York on other business. I have a client called the city of New York that I am working for and these hearings were coming up so I came down to make a statement. I have some familiarity with this field I think, and I just happened to be here so I came in and said what I think. I have talked to nobody. No, I have had no reason to. I have had nobody to talk for.

Representative CLAUSEN. And this applies to your comments with respect to the repeal of the Jones Act as well?

Mr. DAVIDSON. Oh, sure, this is correct. I represent no one that is in any way affected by this, or the Jones Act, I saw what the Jones Act did to me in Alaska. It made me completely dependent on one buyer. Sure, I would go to him when I was about to go broke, and they would go up. They would pay me \$60 and then they went up to \$62 and \$65 for 4 by 4's. Now, it is up to about \$70 and they keep you going.

Representative CLAUSEN. But you did not either verbally or through correspondence transmit your message to any of the administration officials?

Mr. DAVIDSON. I certainly did. When I was running the sawmill I used to be raising Cain every chance I got.

Representative CLAUSEN. To whom did you direct these communications?

Mr. DAVIDSON. Senator Gruening, Senator Bartlett, Senator Morse, Senator Neuberger before Senator Hatfield was here, everybody who would listen, because I have always said this, Congressman. The Jones