

"We urge you to work for the prohibition of round log exports both from Alaska and from your state. I guarantee you will find it economically rewarding."

Hickel was scheduled to depart Portland later today for Fairbanks, where he is to stay tonight.

Tuesday morning the Governor will drive to Nenana to witness the departure of the first field team of the North Commission, which is heading into the Arctic to blaze a trail for an extension of the Alaska Railroad.

The Governor will fly back to Juneau later Tuesday.

KETCHIKAN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION
TRADES COUNCIL, AFL-CIO,
Ketchikan, Alaska, January 15, 1968.

Senator ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: The Building and Construction Trades, at their last meeting unanimously agreed to ask your support in barring any means to export round logs from the state of Alaska; to do so would be detrimental to many of our workers who are engaged in the wood industry as a whole, and would place many on the out of work list.

Thanking you kindly, we remain,

President, Ketchikan Building and Construction Trades.

KETCHIKAN CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO,
Ketchikan, Alaska, January 15, 1968.

Senator ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, Washington D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: The Ketchikan Central Labor Council, unanimously ask you to please use your influence to bar any legislation or agreement in exporting round logs from the state of Alaska, as this would put many of our people out of work in our state.

Thank you, Senator Gruening.

JOHN W. MOLT,
President, Ketchikan Central Labor Council.

Senator GRUENING. The Alaskans who are here today to testify before this committee wish to present formal statements from representatives of the group. After statements have been presented, it is the wish of the witnesses that, when questions affecting specialized interests of the industry are directed, that other individuals among the delegation be allowed to present answers when this would clarify the record to the fullest extent possible. It is my hope this method of testimony will be agreeable with the committee.

Senator MORSE. Entirely agreeable. That is just how I planned to handle it anyway.

Senator GRUENING. Those from Alaska who will present statements are: John O. Daley, president, Alaska Lumbermen's Association; A. M. Brooks, vice president, Ketchikan Pulp Co.; Charles MacDonald, vice president, Alaska Lumber & Pulp Co.; A. Momma, executive vice president, Alaska Lumber & Pulp Co.; Patrick Soderberg, president, Alaska Loggers Association; Jackie Reekie, senior vice president, National Bank of Alaska on behalf of Alaska Bankers Association; Clarence F. Kramer, president, Alaska State Chamber of Commerce; Frank Murkowski, commissioner, Department of Economic Development, State of Alaska.

Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to appear before you today.