

Senator MORSE. Thank you again, Senator Gruening. I doubly thank you for the unfailing cooperation you give to the chairman in connection with handling all of our forestry problems. Will the witnesses that Senator Gruening has just named come forward and take seats at the witness table as a panel.

Senator GRUENING. I believe that the order in which I read them they would like to appear. That would mean that the first would be Mr. John O. Daley, president of the Alaska Lumbermen's Association.

Senator MORSE. I would like to have you all up here at the same time.

Representative CLAUSEN. Would the chairman yield for a point of personal privilege?

Senator MORSE. Yes.

Representative CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman and my distinguished colleagues from Alaska, I would like to take this opportunity, and this will come as a surprise to him to ask that you pay particular attention to the gentleman who is the president of the Alaska Loggers Association. He is a former Californian. I am referring, of course, to Mr. Patrick Soderberg. He was formerly from the Humboldt-Del Norte Counties in California, and I might add that he enjoys one of the fine reputations of the logging community. He certainly left the area with the kind of reputation that we in California are very proud of. In other words, Alaska's gain certainly was California's loss and I wanted to make sure I had this opportunity to introduce a very close friend of mine, Pat Soderberg.

Senator MORSE. We are delighted to have that statement. If the facilities were available I would be very glad to buy a cup of coffee for this distinguished Alaskan for the tribute that has just been paid to him, deserved I am sure, by the gentleman from California. But joking aside, in all seriousness, I am delighted to have this distinguished former Californian with us, Congressman Clausen. I am glad to have each one of you here. I am going to really turn the running of this part of the hearing over to the senior Senator from Alaska. I am also pleased to have Congressman Pollock here. I want him to feel free to, in a sense, take over this part of the hearing, along with Senator Gruening. I do think, however, before you start, the chairman should read the letter that Senator Bartlett asked me to read. I do so at his request. The letter is addressed to me, and reads:

U.S. SENATE,  
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,  
January 18, 1968.

HON. WAYNE MORSE,  
*Chairman, Subcommittee on Retailing, Distribution and Marketing Practices,  
Senate Select Committee on Small Business, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MORSE: First, I want to thank you for the kindness you showed the delegation from Alaska when you agreed to meet with them at the conclusion of your hearings Tuesday evening. I know that the delegation also appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Second, I want to compliment you for taking the initiative to call these hearings to look into the very real problem of log exports from the Pacific Northwest.

Finally, I want to compliment your personal staff and the subcommittee staff who have cooperated in every way with members of my staff in arranging for the appearance before your subcommittee of the delegation from Alaska.

I have enclosed a statement and some other material which I would greatly appreciate having placed in the record of these hearings.

I regret that I cannot take part in these hearings, but as a member of the