

In regard to the Department of Agriculture hearing held in Craig at our request on January 2, we plan to send a copy of the very good and complete tape recording that we were able to make of this meeting to you very soon. We hope you will have time to listen to this very forthright testimony and also share the tape with the rest of our Alaska delegation, Senator Gruening and Representative Pollack. We hope you will not let the Forest Service get sidetracked on their stated intention of doing something about helping us to get some industry in the timber line started here. We still believe that a veneer or saw-mill business is the minimum that will fill the need here and that small cottage type industry as suggested by the Farmers Home loan administration would be nothing more than stop gap and temporary measures for the problem.

We certainly intend to continue and reinforce our efforts now that the hearing has been held. We feel that much valuable and pertinent testimony was brought out to show the need for changes in several areas pertaining to the timber industry in the Tongass National Forest.

We certainly appreciate your interest and help in attacking these problems. Thank you. We hope you are making good recovery from your recent illness and wish you well.

Sincerely,

FRANK PERATROVICH, *Chairman.*

[Telegram]

WRANGELL, ALASKA, *January 15, 1968.*

HON E. L. BARTLETT,
*U.S. Senate,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:*

Economic reasons we oppose log exportation proposed by Federal Government.

LOCAL 87, INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S
& WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Petersburg, Alaska, January 12, 1968.

HON. BOB BARTLETT,
*U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SIR: Your attention is called to the Federal proposal for unrestricted round log export from the State of Alaska.

The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce continues to support the primary manufacture regulations that are in effect in the State of Alaska at the present time, and vigorously opposes any change in these regulations for the following reasons:

(1) Existing processing plants and their employees would be placed in severe jeopardy.

(2) Any additional expansion of processing facilities would be ruled out.

(3) Wood processing plants are becoming a major factor in the economy of Alaskan towns and their loss would be a severe blow to the economy of Alaska.

(4) The wood products industry is experiencing a stable and continuous growth. The proposed changes in the primary manufacturing regulations would create a chaotic condition.

We solicit your support in opposing any changes in the present raw log export regulations.

Sincerely,

ROBERT M. THORSTENSON,
President.

Letters also sent to:

Hon. Howard Pollock, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Ernest Gruening, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Wayne Morse, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Joseph Barr, Undersecretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Hon. Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.