

Wrangell is \$1,370,000 or 17 percent of that city's present assessed valuation.

I can unequivocally say that without the Forest Service policy prohibiting exportation of round logs, southeastern Alaska would not have this growth. I would like to quote a letter from P. K. Johansen, assessor for the Gateway Borough, the taxing authority encompassing the city of Ketchikan and the Ketchikan Pulp Co.:

"It is the appraiser's opinion that this tremendous growth was due to the fact that the Ketchikan Pulp Co. established their plant adjacent to the city in 1954 and it is known that the only reason their plant was built was that the timber supply or raw material was available to them at that time."

Senator MORSE. The entire letter will be inserted in the record at this point.

(The document referred to follows:)