

Representative POLLOCK. Is part of what you are saying that because there is a processing of the timber, that a lot of it is cut in the summer months, stored until winter and utilized the year around?

Mr. REEKIE. Very definitely. Art Brooks or Charlie MacDonald would have to comment on the amount of storage, but again you have to come to Alaska to visualize what is taking place. But throughout our coast and the areas adjacent to the pulp and sawmills there are vast areas of logs stored that must be built up through the summer months to allow the mills and the pulpmills to continue cutting the year round.

Representative POLLOCK. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if we might have a comment on this from Art Brooks. Yesterday evening we got a little short on the questioning and I think it might be useful, concerning the year-round employment aspect of primary processing which might not be available if round logs are exported?

Senator MORSE. Mr. Brooks, we shall be very glad to hear your response to this question.

Mr. BROOKS. As I follow the trend of your thinking if the logs were exported they would have to be logs just the same as if they went through the mills, but it is true that in our area, which is possibly the most favorable since we are in the most southerly part of the Tongass National Forest, an average operating season for logging is about 9 months. We have run the year round, but it is not usual. In that 9 months we produce logs to run the mills for the full year.

The average operation of a pulpmill is about 354 or 355 days a year, and of course the sawmills are on a somewhat lesser schedule but they are presently running on a full season basis too, so that employment is steady and it is very important in our State economy, because we do have a history of seasonality in areas further on.

Representative POLLOCK. I wonder, Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Daly might comment as far as the mills are concerned about seasonal employment versus year-round employment.

Senator MORSE. We will be glad to hear you, Mr. Daly.

Mr. DALY. Well, Mr. Brooks pretty well covered it. In the past when we were serving strictly the domestic market we were down to, in most of the mills, 4 or 5 months out of the year, but now with this market, well, my particular mill will be shutting down for 1 month this spring in order to put in some new machinery. All the rest of them so far as I know are not shutting down at all this year. They are keeping going.

Representative POLLOCK. Aside from this replacement of machinery you would be operating on a 12-month basis?

Mr. DALY. If it were not for that we would not be shut down.

Representative POLLOCK. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Dellenback.

Representative DELLENBACK. I would like to just make a pair of general statements, Mr. Chairman. One, I have had a chance to look over the testimony having not been here yesterday to listen to the gentlemen, but I appreciated the chance to read their testimony, and a member of my staff has also been involved in this, so I am aware of what Alaska's concerns are in this regard.

But also I just wanted to say a word to these men about thanking them for coming this far to help us on this, because while Oregon is