

Mr. KRAMER. Now, I would like to change hats and tell you that by some rare coincidence I am not only in State chamber affairs but have had 42 years experience in the wood products industry, mostly in the logging end of the game.

I started as an hourly worker—went to supervision, then ownership, and since last fall back into management. I am presently employed by Alaska Lumber & Pulp Co. as administrative assistant at the vice president level. I have worked in California and Oregon and was a partner in a logging company in Washington before moving to Alaska in the early fifties.

Since moving to Alaska the operations I have wholly or partly owned have cut or produced about 255 million or a quarter of a billion feet of timber. I have contracted for both pulp companies and have purchased both Forest Service and State sales in my own name.

In the past 10 years I have served four terms as president of the Alaska Loggers Association and have been quite active in all industry affairs.

I have been a member of the Forest Practices Committee of Alaska Loggers Association since its formation eight years ago.

This committee handles problems between industry and the Forest Service and meets several times a year.

Some of the subjects we consider at almost every meeting are:

(1) Allowable cut as it concerns present commitments and installations.

(2) Logging practices and methods.

(3) Logging under the multiple-use concept.

I serve as an industry member of our Governor's timber task force.

With this personal background and in the interest of time, I will conclude my prepared statement with this summary:

No. 1, round log exports would severely cripple the wood products industry and would not be in the best interests of the people of the State of Alaska.

No. 2, until Federal assistance builds roads, railroads, docks, and river and harbor improvements to open up timber other than the coastal forests, our allowable cut has been reached and possibly overstated.

No. 3, after having been both a contract and independent logger since the early fifties, I have seen no concrete evidence of monopoly, Japanese or otherwise, in Alaska. I thank you for this opportunity to speak to you on this subject and would be very happy to answer any questions that I am able to.

Senator MORSE. I want to thank you very much. When you return to Alaska you can tell your chamber of commerce that its expenditure was very well worthwhile.

Mr. KRAMER. Thank you.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Pollock.

Representative POLLOCK. Mr. Chairman, I would like very much to compliment Clarence Kramer on his excellent statement. Also, I want to express appreciation as my colleague, Congressman Dellenback of Oregon, did a few minutes ago to all of our delegation from Alaska. I know that you come to Washington with some concern, and I hope that the good chairman has assuaged that concern about any change in policy concerning the shipment of round logs from Alaska.