

The State of Alaska wishes to go on record as supporting the stand taken by the 16 Alaska representatives in attendance and those testifying at this hearing. Alaska will violently oppose any effort to alter or change the long-standing and historic policy of the U.S. Forest Service prohibiting export of round log spruce and hemlock from either National Forest or Bureau of Land Management lands in Alaska.

That is the end of my statement, and in closing I want to thank you on behalf of the Governor and the State for this opportunity to be heard, and the courtesy accorded the Alaska delegation.

Senator MORSE. Mr. Murkowski, in behalf of the committee, I thank you for your statement and I want you to express to the Governor our appreciation for the statements that he has made which you have read into the record.

I want the attention of my colleagues for just a moment. I shall see to it that each one of you has ample opportunity to ask whatever questions you want of Mr. Murkowski. I would only point out that the material that is contained in his statement is cumulative and that it backs up very ably the testimony already given by these Alaskan witnesses.

We have two more Alaskan witnesses to hear from. I feel that we must finish with these Alaskan witnesses before we recess this noon. In fact, I would like to finish with them and get on with hearing at least one more witness. Nevertheless, I don't want my colleagues to infer from what I say that you should in any way restrict your questions. It is important that you help make the record and it is important to develop the points raised by Mr. Murkowski. I want to proceed to that now.

I start with Congressman Pollock.

Representative POLLOCK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no questions. I want to compliment Commissioner Murkowski on an excellent statement as I have all the statements of the group from Alaska. I am sure if there are questions they would be asked by the gentleman from Oregon.

Senator MORSE. Thank you very much.

Representative DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. Go right ahead, Congressman Dellenback.

Representative DELLENBACK. May I ask just one brief question.

In connection with the board footage of cut in 1967, your testimony indicates that the annual cut was about 560 million board feet.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. That is correct.

Representative DELLENBACK. How much of that went to Alaska?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Was utilized in Alaska?

Representative DELLENBACK. Yes.

Mr. MURKOWSKI. I would have to defer the question. I would guess not more than 10 percent. Perhaps Mr. Brooks or Mr. Daly could answer that more accurately than I, as far as what portion of that was consumed in Alaska, but I am just guessing approximately 10 percent.

Representative DELLENBACK. About 10 percent in Alaska, and was the full balance actually consumed in Japan for export purposes?

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Not necessarily. When you say consumed in Alaska, I am assuming that you mean by the population of Alaska. Now, there