

Senator MORSE. I want to respond to the last part of your comment. It extends to every member of the Oregon delegation, the members of the Washington delegation, the assistance that we have received from Senators from Idaho and Montana and the members of their delegations, the interest taken by some of the members of the California delegation such as Congressman Clausen, the help that, as you know, we have received from the Alaskan delegation. This is the group that deserves your recognition, and in their behalf I accept your thanks.

You are excused.

Our next witness will be Mr. Kenneth Ford, president and manager of the Roseburg Lumber Co., Roseburg, Oreg., accompanied by Mr. Dean C. Brice, industrial development engineer, Pacific Power & Light Co.

The witness can close his ears for a moment while I say to those in attendance that Mr. Ford comes before this committee as not only one of the great lumber giants of my State but one of its outstanding industrial statesmen as well. I am delighted to have him come and give his views in regard to the problems that confront this committee.

Mr. Brice has been very active in connection with the research work for the Pacific Power & Light Co., in connection with our lumber economy. Obviously the Pacific Power & Light Co. as well as all of our utilities, private and public, have a great economic concern, and rightly so, in the development and the maintenance of the prosperous level of the No. 1 source of income for my State. In fact, this industry is the most important source of income for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. Mr. Brice, I wish that you would inform your principals and particularly your chairman, Mr. Glenn Jackson, that I appreciate very much your being sent here to assist this committee with its work.

Now, Mr. Ford, you can start listening now. My instructions to you are that you can proceed in your own way with your statement.

STATEMENT OF KENNETH FORD, PRESIDENT, ROSEBURG LUMBER CO., ROSEBURG, OREG.; ACCOMPANIED BY DEAN C. BRICE, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER, PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT CO., PORTLAND, OREG.

Mr. FORD. Senator Morse, honorable members of the committee, my name is Kenneth Ford, and I am president of Roseburg Lumber Co., of Roseburg, Oreg.

I would certainly like to thank the chairman for his very complimentary remarks.

There is a very strange thing that I had never thought about until this morning. This is January 19. Forty years ago as a freshman, I picked up my books at Oregon State College, and left for the lumber industry where I have been until this day. I was 19 years old at that time.

We are an independent, privately held company meeting a payroll of approximately \$18 million a year in a region in western Oregon where the economy has been a timber-based economy for the past 50 to 75 years. Our operations are in six locations, giving employment to 3,400 people.