

that you have taken in these hearings. When I refer to you as a lumber statesman, I mean by statesmanship standing for commonsense. What we need here in Washington is just such commonsense talk, and that is what your statement develops.

What you have said in effect is that our whole timber policy in this country has been set up on a partnership basis, the two partners being the Government through its Bureau of Land Management and its Forest Service, and the private industry out in our States, and a partnership carries mutuality of responsibilities and obligations.

It is perfectly clear that the Federal Government has been walking out on its partnership obligations. It has been walking out on them because it has not been imposing the restrictions that it has the authority under the law to impose to protect the interests and the rights of the private industry partner.

The timber companies which have the responsibility of following the sustained yield program in their private holdings, as the Roseburg Lumber Co. and other companies that our area have been doing, which means that the Federal Government has to be of assistance to those private companies in this partnership relationship to see to it that there is a steady supply of timber made available to them. In this way the Government and the private industry can together fulfill their trusteeship obligations to this and future generations of Americans. That is what you are telling us. In my judgment that is what it adds up to.

The Federal Government has come out through its spokesmen, as you testified, and said, and I have heard them as you have heard them say many times: "We do have a shortage of supply," and "After all, you have got more capacity than logs available." This, of course, raises serious problems as to whether or not we should not try to work out some arrangement whereby we will not build too much capacity. But, when the Government says that, and that has been the economic fact that you people in the private segment of the industry as partners to the Federal Government have had to face for years, and then at the same time refuses to follow a Federal timber policy on public lands that prevents the exportation of logs which deny to the private industry the supply that it needs, I call that walking out on a partnership obligation. I think that is one of the essences of what this hearing is all about.

I shall wait with great interest the reply of the agencies of this Government that have jurisdiction over timber, to your commonsense. It seems to me that they cannot avoid your logic. You have laid out the problem here, in my judgment, which the Federal Government simply must work out.

You are not an overnighter. The whole history of your company in this record shows that you are not an overnighter. You are proposing that the Federal Government has got to start seeing to it that we stop the losses that the industry is suffering and provide a basis of stability in the forestry industry of the Northwest as a part of its partnership obligation.

You are acquainted with me well enough to know that I am a stickler for these obligations. I have had some entanglements with the private segments of the industry at times, with regard to their private practices, that I have sometimes felt were not carrying out their partnership obligations to the Government and through their Government to