

Mr. FORD. I would like to ask if I can be excused.

Senator MORSE. You are excused. I hope you reach your plane in time.

Mr. FORD. I want to thank you very much, and if there is any information that I can get for you, if the committee will let me know, I will supply that.

Senator MORSE. Before you leave you might want to take a copy of that list of questions which you will find down at the press table. We are submitting them to every witness, and if you wish to answer them we will be glad to have your statements in the record.

Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Brice.

The next witness will be Mr. Al Hartung, past president of the International Woodworkers of America, AFL-CIO. Will you come to the stand?

As he comes before the committee I only want this record to show that I have had him before me as a witness over the years many times. We have been associated many times in relationships that did not involve that of committee chairman and the witness. I have a great regard for his opinion on any subject, as I will on this one. I am always open to his reasoning. When he thinks I am wrong he does not hesitate to tell me so. There is reciprocity on that point also.

Let me assure those who listen to me, for I have the same responsibility as he has so courageously manifested over the years, in following the facts as each one of us sees the direction in which they lead. I want you to know, Mr. Hartung, that as past president of this great International Woodworkers of America Union, I am glad you are here to make your contribution to this record.

STATEMENT OF A. F. HARTUNG, PAST PRESIDENT, IWA, ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOODWORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO, PORTLAND, OREG.

Mr. HARTUNG. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Chairman and distinguished members of the committee, Senator Hatfield, my name is A. F. Hartung, and I am here speaking on behalf of the International Woodworkers of America. I have a brief written statement, but I would like to reserve the right to make additional comments, because we received the notice quite shortly, and our research department was engaged in other work, and so the job is not complete.

Senator MORSE. You have the right to add to the statement in any way you want to.

Mr. HARTUNG. I hope that in listening to the testimony, and to the remarks of the members of the committee, you haven't made up your minds, because I think I will probably be in opposition to most of the testimony that you have heard today, and I hope my voice is just not an echo in the wilderness, because I am sincere in what I believe in this problem that is confronting us in the problem of logs.

Senator MORSE. May I say good-naturedly, Mr. Hartung, that I don't have the slightest doubt but that we have reached some tentative conclusions as to what the prima facie evidence shows. The test, of course, is whether one can change his mind, and also whether a witness can present evidence that justifies the changing of one's mind.