

Now when these people sit here and say that they could go back into business with the cheaper logs, who are they going to sell them to? There is an oversupply right now. The market is not there, and that is why they are shutting down.

Senator MORSE. It would not be appropriate for me to engage in a controversy over these points. You have the right to make this point in the record. I have the duty, of course, on the basis of what the record already shows, to make comment from time to time.

There is another side to that argument, may I say. There isn't an oversupply, in my judgment, if the needs for the lumber were met. The need is greater today than a year ago. The difficulty is the economic policies of this administration, which are such that the need can't be met. This administration is following a policy of tight money and high interest rates. It is following a policy of impounding funds.

Look at what happened a year ago. The comment in your statement about the housing problem sometime past leads me to this observation: what did this delegation have to do? Carry on a battle with this administration to get funds impounded released. It took us a year to get them to start releasing them.

That has more to do, may I say, with this matter than the problems that you raise in regard to the fact that the Portland Journal—or the Oregonian—showed that there is an overproduction.

There would not be an "overproduction" if the administration would make it possible for us to start a housing program that would build the houses. There are hundreds of thousands of people in this country that need houses, and they can't build or buy homes at the money costs with which they are confronted.

There would not be an overproduction if the country would implement an economic program that would make it possible to get into those ghettos and provide the shelters that are necessary so that we can meet the ghetto problems.

Philosophically, I know enough about you to know that we don't disagree in this area. We may disagree on the point that you make. But you cannot justify the restrictive economic policy that we are following in this Administration creditwise, interest-rate-wise, impoundmentwise, freezingwise.

As I indicated this morning, today's paper shows that the Secretary of Agriculture has announced that he is going to cut \$21.5 million out of the Forest Service budget. I asked this morning for a bill of particulars. I want to have it next Tuesday.

They are going to cut out access roads. You and I have fought for access roads for 20 years. We won some battles on access roads. We never got enough. But we have been fighting that battle.

We fought for enough personnel in the Forest Service so you can get the cruising done quickly, and you can get the personnel work done, so that you can increase the number of sales.

We were told we can't get it because our appropriations are not enough.

Well, we have lost out on some of our appropriation fights.

But now they start talking now about a \$21.5-million cut this next year in the forestry budget, in order to meet this economy drive of this administration on the domestic program, with a total defense budget—of over \$75 billion, compared with a total domestic budget