

combined, but again as I say, we have no way of setting sound parameters on the Russian inventory.

Representative CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, with the approval of the Chair, I would like to ask this gentleman if he could submit as detailed information as is possible to be included at this point in the record as it relates to the overall inventory of timber resources, as it relates to this question that we are discussing here.

Senator MORSE. I will be glad to have Dean Graves volunteer whatever information he can. He is the dean of the forestry department of an academic institution. I do not want to put him to the research expense of conducting that study for us. He might find himself in negotiation problems with his own institution. But I will tell you what I am going to do, Dean, with the help of Congressman Clausen, because the committee would like to have the information. When we have the Government witnesses before us tomorrow, I am going to ask them for the data. Don't you think Dean, they could supply it to us from available data as well as you could?

Dr. GRAVES. They should be able to.

Senator MORSE. Let us try it. We will be glad to receive from you anything that you can submit to us without going to expense in getting it. Is that satisfactory to you?

Representative CLAUSEN. Yes; that is fine. I would ask Dr. Graves if you would follow up on this request and actually review what the Government witnesses will present tomorrow. I personally would like to know whether or not you concur in the findings, because I am fairly familiar with the variables associated with an inventory of timber resources, and I am always interested in an outside opinion, particularly a dean in forestry.

Senator MORSE. Thank you very much. Dean Graves, I want to thank you very very much in behalf of the committee for your testimony this afternoon. I want to thank Mr. McCracken for calling you. Now, gentlemen, I think we should turn to asking any questions of Mr. McCracken that members of the committee wish to ask him. I will start with Senator Hatfield.

Senator HATFIELD. Mr. Chairman, first I would like to say this is the first time I have ever dealt with Mr. McCracken through the written word, and I find that he is just as effective as he is with the spoken word. I have always found him not only to be succinct, direct and to the point, interspersed with colorful language. I also have found his statements to be very accurate and correct whenever I have had occasion to call upon him for information, and therefore I feel that we do have an excellent witness before the committee today.

First I would like to go to page 2, because the questions which I have to pose to Mr. McCracken actually seek to emphasize again, Mr. McCracken, the urgency of taking action to solve this problem on the part of the Federal agencies. I would not want anything left in the testimony to which they might refer or that they could hang on to as one slight straw of misunderstanding for them to do nothing. And so the questions I have are really toward that end and not at all to challenge your testimony but rather for my own sake, perhaps for those who may read it, to go a little further into a couple of these points.

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