

particularly with the delegations from the Pacific Northwest in regard to this very controversial issue involving the continuation of the shipment of large and unlimited quantities of round logs to Japan.

We in those delegations, as you well know with your long experience with the Congress, have a responsibility of protecting the economic interests of the people of our sovereign States. As of now I think the interest of the people of my State, the economy of my State is being greatly wronged, and these wrongs are, I feel, as a result of policies that the executive branch of Government is following in respect to the shipment of the millions of board feet of a great natural resource of my State to Japan.

There can be no answer to the facts that if we continue that exploration, we are in fact shipping thousands and thousands of jobs to Japan in excess of the labor that is expended upon the exportation of just round logs.

I though I owed it to you at the beginning of the session this morning to point out what I consider to be some of the highlights of the hearing to date and the issues that have been raised. We will appreciate very much your responding to these points in your own way, which has always proved to be helpful in finding the answers to the problems we have faced over the years.

Senator Hatfield.

Senator HATFIELD. No, thank you.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Wyatt.

Representative WYATT. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to briefly say, speaking for myself, that I certainly am opposed to terminating log exports to Japan, but I would second what the Chairman has said, that I think a reasonable level of export should be established and then maintained, and certainly the timeliness is very, very important.

I very strongly favor some sort of administrative action on the part of the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management immediately to establish the level somewhere near the 350 million board feet annually as recommended by a nearly united industry. I think it is essential that this be done prior to the February 20 meeting with the Japanese in Tokyo, in order to demonstrate to the Japanese that we, in fact, mean business, and that we mean to stop the geometric increase in exports which I feel we are suffering from the very most.

I appreciate your being here and I will look forward to your testimony.

Thank you.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Dellenback.

Representative DELLENBACK. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a very brief statement.

First, I agree with the Chairman that on the basis of the testimony that has been given to us so far in these days of hearing, that there is at least a prima facie case that some limitation as opposed to an embargo on exports would be in order and would be very helpful.

I start with this understanding against which I will listen very carefully to your testimony.

I know that you feel as do I, that a sustained yield basic concept must permeate what we do with the forests, and I go on record as back-