

ing you completely in this idea with the understanding, of course, that we ought to be raising that yield as high as sound management will take us. If we can raise it soundly this will, of course, help, but that is the basic principle to which I adhere and I know this has been your feeling all the way through the management of the forests.

I have come to the conclusion myself that the Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture does have the power to act under present laws and place restrictions on exports right now, and it is my own feeling as of now, and I will listen respectfully to what you say, that rather than wait until the negotiations with the Japanese have taken place, and then discuss the question of whether we ought to place limits under presently existing statutory authority, I have the strong feeling that while we should not place an embargo on exports, that we ought to go about acting quickly and not just wait for more discussions to lead to more discussions and potentially on to more discussions. The problem is far too urgent for that. I think we ought to move swiftly. I personally appreciate your being here and I am looking forward to hearing your testimony this morning.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator MORSE. Congressman Pollock.

Representative POLLOCK. Gentlemen, I would like to echo the last comment of my colleague from Oregon that we certainly welcome you here.

I will have a number of questions I will want to ask. I am very interested in the testimony you are about to give.

I would like to say that as an Alaskan I feel that our primary processing regulations which you have or procedures in Alaska are working very well. One of our witnesses made, I thought, an excellent statement the other day, and that is that Oregon and Washington have a problem, let's not shift it to Alaska and give us a problem that cannot be worked out. We have good procedure and perhaps Oregon and Washington should follow it.

Thank you.

Senator MORSE. Thank you very much.

You may proceed, Mr. Cliff.

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Mr. CLIFF. Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

Mr. Greeley and I are glad to be here to discuss with the committee the problem that has been presented in the Pacific Northwest because of the increasing export of unprocessed logs to Japan.

The Department of Agriculture is gravely concerned about the impact of exports on the timber industry and dependent rural communities. One of the major objectives of the Department is to maintain and increase jobs in rural areas, and to carry forward effective programs to make rural America a better place to live. We are concerned as a Department of Government having interest in the promotion of international trade in agricultural products.