

of the work in addition to paying stumpage, and I am speaking now of the long-term sale. So as a result their prices are lower.

Also they include both what we consider to be accessible and inaccessible timber, and as their efficiency and prices improve, and we make rate redeterminations, we extend their cutting boundaries back into the higher cost timber, so as a result we tend to keep a stable stumpage figure at a relatively low level.

Senator HATFIELD. Are you contemplating any sales in the immediate future, and if so what type will they be, large, small?

Mr. BRUCE. We will have in Alaska, I am sure, the ordinary run of small sales, from 3 to perhaps 20 to 30 million feet. In addition, as Mr. Cliff pointed out, we plan to have a large sale on Afognak Island of about a half billion feet, and one near Wrangell known as the Portage sale, I believe that is for a quarter of a billion.

Mr. CLIFF. A quarter of a billion for 10 years?

Mr. BRUCE. For 10 years. These are relatively long term, but not long term in the sense of the large pulp sales.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you. Mr. Cliff, just one last question. In discussing this matter with you today, and understanding perhaps a little better on my part the problems that you have in working with other agencies that are concerned with the timber resources and so forth, do you think this would be less a problem or more a problem under a Department of National Resources, where all resources were gathered together?

Mr. CLIFF. I do not think it would make any difference, Senator, on this one. Of course, I do not agree that there should be a Department of National Resources.

Senator HATFIELD. I am speaking hypothetically.

Mr. CLIFF. Under which all resource management work is consolidated. It would be, to say the least, a very large and unwieldy department. The basic problems would not change because the laws that govern the different programs would still be there. Putting everybody under one roof does not necessarily solve all the problems, as those of us who work in Government know.

Senator HATFIELD. Thank you very much. Is it possible for you to return at 2:30 to continue the testimony?

Mr. CLIFF. Yes, sir, it is.

Senator HATFIELD. We will then be recessed until 2:30 this afternoon.

(Whereupon, at 12:25 p.m., the subcommittee was recessed, to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. on the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator MORSE. The committee will come to order.

Come forward, Mr. Cliff.

Please accept my apology for being late, but I just could not avoid it.

Congressman Wyatt, had Senator Hatfield finished with his examination?

Representative WYATT. Yes, he did.

Senator MORSE. Had you started before we recessed?

Representative WYATT. I had not.

Senator MORSE. Will you proceed now?