

not believe that the allowable cut on the BLM land can be raised in this manner.

Senator MORSE. Is it not true that to the extent that the Congress has made the funds available to BLM, you have sought to institute those policies and practices that will make it possible for you to raise the allowable cuts consistent with a sound sustained yield program?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. We have been very fortunate. With the support of the Oregon delegation, we have received funds for a good many of these things.

I think in the text of my paper it indicates how the allowable cut was raised. We also indicate how the 140 million feet of salvage and thinning are going on today in those forests, which is above the allowable cut. It adds to it.

Senator MORSE. Do you agree with the recommendation of the Treasury report that our Government should change its forest-industry policies in Alaska and authorize the exportation of round logs from Alaska?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. I have no position on that, Senator. I am not involved and I haven't taken any position on it.

Senator MORSE. Mr. Rasmussen, can you tell the committee how much of a cut you are going to make in the BLM budget for this year, in line with what is apparently the request of the administration, through the Bureau of the Budget, that the various agencies and departments of the executive branch of Government must submit recommendations for cuts, under certain ceilings?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Because of the way the O. & C. program is financed, we do not have any cuts in our forest management in Oregon nor elsewhere.

Senator MORSE. Well, now, it has been testified by Mr. Cliff today—and this is my interpretation, but I think it is accurate—that in line with the budgetary policies of the administration, whereby whatever savings can be made in the various budgets of the executive branch of Government, the recommendations for such savings must be submitted. Mr. Cliff testified that out of the total cut that will be made by the Department of Agriculture, \$21.5 million will be the cut in the Forest Service program.

And he itemized it.

Now, it is my understanding that the Department of the Interior, of course, is also going to have to make cuts in the Department of the Interior budget.

Now, are you telling me that when the Department of the Interior makes Department of Interior cuts the figures will not show the amount of the cuts that come out of your department, BLM, with respect to the administration BLM lands? Do you want me to repeat it?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. There will be some cuts.

Senator MORSE. From BLM funds?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Correct.

Senator MORSE. You don't know how much?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. Yes.

Senator MORSE. How much?

Mr. RASMUSSEN. About \$400,000. These are in construction programs.

Senator MORSE. \$400,000 will be taken out of construction programs?