

I had not studied the act from the standpoint of its being used for other purposes, and you may be thinking of some provision of this act that could be used for that purpose.

I would like to think about it a little. But as of this moment, I do not see that this act is intended for that purpose.

Mr. HALPERN. Well, in submitting your answer to the question asked by Congressman Wolff, I would like you to consider would there, as a result of diminishing our military participation in Vietnam, be a tendency to reduce stockpiles of shortness of strategic metals and, if so, how would this be handled to minimize the depressing effect on our domestic economy?

Mr. DANIEL. Not under the criteria we use in setting our stockpile objectives. The end of the war in Vietnam would not have any bearing there. As far as our objectives are concerned, they are based on other criteria and considerations.

Mr. HALPERN. Could you describe briefly the extent to which the authorities granted under the Defense Production Act were increasingly utilized as a result of the Vietnam war?

Mr. DANIEL. Yes, sir. Were you here when I listed—

Mr. HALPERN. Unfortunately I wasn't.

Mr. DANIEL. I have listed five specific instances, such as copper set-asides by the BDSA to make copper available for defense purposes and the priority which was given on the herbicides for all domestic production of the particular type needed by the Defense Department in Vietnam.

Chairman PATMAN. That is in your testimony, Governor?

Mr. DANIEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. HALPERN. It won't be necessary to repeat it. I do want to thank the gentlemen and the distinguished Governor and yield back. I understand my time is up.

Chairman PATMAN. Mr. Moorhead.

Mr. MOORHEAD. I have one question, Mr. Chairman.

Governor, do you now have under your control a strategic stockpile of silver?

Mr. DANIEL. Yes, sir, we do.

Mr. MOORHEAD. I remember we had that problem when we considered the legislation, but I wasn't sure of the exact amount.

Mr. LAWRENCE. 165 million ounces.

Chairman PATMAN. Mr. Widnall.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Thank you, Governor Daniel and Governor Peabody and your associates, for coming here this morning and giving us this well-stated report on your activities.

At the time of the copper strike a number of weeks ago, I sent a telegram to the President and Secretary Wirtz saying it was absolutely incredible to me, the lack of real firm activity toward the settlement of that strike, when in every other area the Government had quickly stepped in because it was something that was important to our economy and important to the Nation's war effort as far as Vietnam was concerned.

And yet, obviously, this was played down.

Now, did you in your own consultation with others in the admin-