

Senator BIBLE. That is not a very good answer. The point is, have you taken any look at this proposal or have you not? I understand from what you are telling me is that you have not looked at this new suggestion.

Mr. WEINBERG. I have not.

Senator BIBLE. Whether or not Mr. French talked to you, he is right here. I won't burden this hearing with whether you did or didn't, but when this hearing is over I wish Mr. French would talk to you about this problem and point out what the suggestion is and then have you give us a reply very quickly. It was indicated to me that the proposal had been put before you some weeks ago.

The problem is a complicated one, I am frank to say. I thought, by reaching a plateau where you would put a restrictive limitation on the amount of acreage which could be picked up by the pioneers of not to exceed some 6,000 acres in any one of the States, we might find a basis for an agreement between the legislative and executive branches.

Mr. WEINBERG. I will endeavor to explore this proposal and see what the departmental position would be on it.

Senator BIBLE. It is very important to me. The purpose of the constant questioning is: It doesn't make much sense to pass another bill, which I think we could do in the Congress of the United States, and then have it vetoed. I want to pass something that will not be subject to veto.

Mr. WEINBERG. I agree with that. There is certainly no point in having another head-on collision with the executive.

Senator BIBLE. I will have Mr. French go into it. The problem is primarily legal, as well as one of policy and of fact. It will take a little study and research. I had hoped this would have been done. Apparently it has not and I will ask him to go over it with you and ask you to come back with a reply at an immediate, early date.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Jordan.

Senator JORDAN. I have no questions. I have known Mr. Weinberg for 20 years. I know him to be conscientious. We don't always agree and probably won't always but I am voting for his confirmation.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions?

If not, the Chair will entertain a motion to support the nomination.

Senator BIBLE. I will make that motion.

Senator HANSEN. I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN. A motion has been made and seconded to report the nomination. All in favor say "aye."

[A chorus of "ayes".]

The CHAIRMAN. Any "nays"?

I hear no "nays" so the nomination is reported.

Those members not here will be polled.

Senator HANSEN. I have Senator Hatfield's proxy.

The CHAIRMAN. Good, that will not need to be checked. I will ask that Senator Allott and those other Members on the minority side be reached so that we can report this nomination out today.

The committee will stand in recess.

(Whereupon, at 11:50 a.m., the committee proceeded to other business.)