

Mr. BROWN. What would comprise the minimum and what would be the maximum during 1967?

Mr. VON KLEMPERER. I would think it would range anywhere from a quarter percent over our minimum commercial lending rate to about $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent over that rate.

Mr. BROWN. What are those rates?

Mr. VON KLEMPERER. Well, let's say $6\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ percent.

Mr. BROWN. Why I asked that, Mr. Von Klemperer, is that the Export-Import Bank fiscal report for 1967 shows that the Eximbank loans were by and large in the 6-percent area. So, I think that we cannot say that the Export-Import Bank has not been subsidizing the loans, because I think it has.

And let me also say that I think there is much merit to this legislation, but I don't think we ought to oversell it because sometimes when we try to do that we get to the floor and many who are familiar with the transactions which are involved with legislation such as this, give us a bit of a hard time.

So I think we must be careful when we say there hasn't been and won't be, any subsidizing of the loans. There has been. And anyone examining the facts, can make such allegation and can support it convincingly.

Mr. VON KLEMPERER. That is correct. The Eximbank lending rate has generally been below the market rate.

Mr. BROWN. Thank you, sir.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. St Germain, I know you have been on a very important committee this morning, and we want to recognize you. Probably you have some questions you would like to ask.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. I apologize to the panel. I was testifying before another committee on oil import quotas. That is very important to New England.

I want to thank the panel for giving us the benefit of their knowledge on this legislation.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. St Germain.

Mr. Foy, Mr. McNeil, and Mr. Von Klemperer, all time has expired here this morning.

I want to say we are very grateful. You have not only been a good panel but you have been, I think, one of the most outstanding panels that has come before this committee. You made a splendid presentation here this morning, and are grateful for your coming.

Mr. Foy, I just want to say to you, your coming from Pennsylvania adds to the handsomeness of these other two gentlemen. So it adds to your accomplishments here this morning.

The committee will stand in recess until tomorrow morning and we will go, at 10 a.m., into executive session to take up the following bills:

H.R. 16162: To enable the Export-Import Bank of the United States to approve extension of certain loans, guarantees, and insurance in connection with exports from the United States in order to improve the balance of payments and foster long-term commercial interests of the United States.

H.R. 16775: To provide for increased participation by the United States in the International Development Association, and for other purposes.