

the kind of information, the kind of presentation, the kind of advice that you will need to formulate sound legislative policies with respect to this area.

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Chairman, I would be presumptive in assuming that I could add anything to the great statement that has been delivered here. But if I could be permitted just a personal observation it would be to say that I think our country, with some 6 or 7 percent of the world's population, and using about roughly that same amount of the total land area, has indeed achieved a great deal. We produce at the present time roughly a third of the world's goods. And yet the highest standard of living of any country in the world. And yet the cautions that Dr. Hibbard has called to our attention here this morning suggest to me that we must continue to press forward on all fronts. We need to investigate the technological improvements that must accompany any further activity in the mining industry. We have to stress research. And we must not forget leadtime. Even with our resources and reserves that do not have the highgrade deposits that we have been able to exploit in the past, we still have enough reserves in this country so that we can keep the kind of operation going in which Dr. Hibbard is so vitally interested. He has certainly given us a great valediction here this morning, and I compliment him very highly.

Senator GRUENING. I think that is a very excellent statement. I might add that we shouldn't get smug.

We have a couple of representatives here from the Department of Commerce who are kind enough to assist or listen in at this hearing. They are Anthony Bertsch, Assistant Administrator, Business and Defense Services Administration, and Henry Callaway, of the Office of Metals and Minerals. Would either of you like to make any comments?

Mr. BERTSCH. Mr. Chairman, we don't have any comments, except that I would like to join the committee in commending Dr. Hibbard for the excellence of his statement, and also, incidentally, to commend him and his staff for the kind of cooperation they give to the Department of Commerce.

Senator GRUENING. Thank you very much.
We will now stand adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 12:15 p.m., the subcommittee adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)