

along the line that you were inquiring as to our interest in the legislation.

It is not presented, however, as an amendment or as a rewrite of the legislation. As you probably know in the air pollution area we were active in trying to have certain parts of it considered and discussed and handled in that way.

We have not, in this particular instance, made that as a suggestion but it is quite possible that this supplemental statement, which I will not read but I would like to have in the record as part of my statement, will remedy that.

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Mr. MOODY. My name is Joseph E. Moody, and I am president of the National Coal Policy Conference, Inc., which represents the diverse groups comprising the industrial federation built around bituminous coal—coal-producing companies, the industry's great union, the United Mine Workers of America, coal-carrying railroads and barge lines, coal-burning electric utilities and manufacturers of coal mining machines and equipment.

With the indulgence of this committee and its staff, we have arranged to present testimony from the representatives of coal as a coordinated group, with spokesmen for various segments of the industry presenting parts of the whole picture.

We felt this would avoid unnecessary duplication, at the expense of the committee's time, but still make certain that the several aspects of this most important proposed legislation, insofar as it may affect the fuels and energy of this country, as well as the jobs and economic strength of those involved with coal production, transportation, and consumption, are adequately presented.

Although I have been rather closely associated with the coal industry for more than 20 years now, I cannot claim that I have ever actually mined a ton of coal, or been responsible for the technology by which it is mined.

Thus, I will leave testimony of mining operations and techniques to those whose daily responsibility is involved in the realm of the practical and cost-price balance sheet of the possible.

I believe I can lay claim, however, to having absorbed some knowledge of the broad picture of coal and its interrelationship with other fuels, with the intensely competitive energy market both among our own domestic fuels and between indigenous fuels and foreign supplies and, finally, in the broad aspects of national energy demands, supplies and potentials. And these matters are at the heart of the legislation we are considering today.

Since the relationship of fuels and their use to our environment began to be a matter of national concern a few years ago, the National Coal Policy Conference staff and its members have become