

Mr. MOODY. Well, I think that human beings generally react along that line.

Mr. HALL. Senator, may I respond briefly to that?

Senator JORDAN. Yes.

Mr. HALL. This comes from not reading all of my statement. In my conclusion I said we evaluated the imperatives that made the Clean Air Act necessary in the public interest and found them to be valid. I said the test of our sincerity is that we make the same test and do not find the same imperatives presently with respect to surface mining.

Senator JORDAN. You do not see the same validity that you finally discovered in the Clean Air Act?

Mr. HALL. That is correct, and it was not any impression, Joe, really that we went only because it was coming. I remember, early in the State—

Mr. MOODY. We were in, right in the beginning.

Mr. HALL. That is right.

Mr. MOODY. We thought there was a conviction on the part of the people of this Nation that if someone created a mess he had to clean it up.

Senator JORDAN. So, is there any likelihood that you might have a change of heart, that you might go home and reread this legislation and find that fragments of it are agreeable to you and possibly suggest some amendments that would make it more palatable and then come back here at later day and say, "We misjudged it in the first instance, and now we are ready to figure with you a little more favorably?"

Mr. MOODY. I think anything is a possibility, Senator. I hope that that does not have to happen, not within the foreseeable future.

Senator JORDAN. All right. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Senator METCALF. Thank you very much, Senator Jordan.

You know, Mr. Moody, that the coal industry—you and John L. Lewis and my old friend from Montana, Tony Boyle—taught us how to do this in the old Mine Safety Act. We passed that act and got the States to pass the mine safety provisions and it worked so well that perhaps we have been applying the same sort of medicine to some of these other things.

I compliment all of you in the advancement that you have made in recent years on reclamation of some of this land. I am very glad to hear Mr. Sall's testimony and Mr. Reilly's statement about his conviction of the need for restoration. But really, for example, the passage of this bill would not increase the cost a nickel in the State of Kentucky, isn't that true?

Mr. MOODY. Well, I waive that.

Mr. PHELPS. We don't know what the requirements are going to be from the Federal Government.

Senator METCALF. Well, you heard the Secretary praising the activities of Kentucky, for example, and the activities of some of these other States who have this kind of legislation. Where it will increase the cost will be in the States where they have failed to act and those States it will merely restore the competitive position of your people in the States where you do have laws such as in Kentucky and Illinois.

Mr. Reilly.