

Senator JORDAN. Thank you for a constructive statement. You know the Public Land Law Review Commission was in our State last fall for part of 3 days and as a member of that Review Commission I note that we are going very extensively into the same problems that are covered by this legislation and we do expect to have some recommendations in this regard.

I know the Public Land Law Review Commission had been in most of the States where surface mining is engaged in and they did make a particular inspection trip over areas in Idaho where surface mining is now going forward.

Thanks for a good statement. I appreciate having you here.

Mr. PRATER. Thank you very much.

Senator METCALF. Mr. Prater, you mentioned that the introduction of a bill is only a preliminary matter and when you say it is better to hold hearings, that is what we are doing. I concur with my distinguished colleague from Idaho that we are grateful for your suggestions, your criticism, and constructive points of view as to modifications and changes in this legislation.

Mr. PRATER. We made them because we think they would be more workable in our case.

Senator METCALF. Thank you for your statement.

Mr. PRATER. Thank you.

Senator METCALF. Our next witness is Mr. Richard Bowers. Mr. Bowers? We will pass him over for the time. Mr. Edward K. Davison.

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Mr. DAVISON. Mr. Chairman, I have here publications which we have already submitted for the use of the committee.

Senator METCALF. Thank you.

Mr. DAVISON. They have been mailed also to the offices of the members of the committee and perhaps you might want to hold these up there while I testify.

Senator METCALF. Please. We will be delighted to have them.

Mr. DAVISON. As I say, these are already in your individual offices also.

Senator METCALF. Just a moment. I wish to make an announcement. Mr. Davison will be the last witness this morning. Immediately after recess we will get to the representatives of the Idaho phosphate industry and we will recess until 1:30.

Go ahead, Mr. Davison.

Mr. DAVISON. Thank you, sir. Mr. Chairman, Senator Jordan, I am Edward K. Davison, President of Davison Sand and Gravel Co. of New Kensington, Pa. I appear on behalf of the National Sand and Gravel Association, whose member companies produce the major portion of commercial production in the United States. Our testimony is directed to the proposed Surface Mining Reclamation Act of 1968, S. 3132, introduced by Senator Jackson.

Sand and gravel, along with crushed stone and blast furnace slag, are the major constituents in portland cement, concrete mixtures, asphaltic mixtures, base courses and surface treatments for all types of highways, engineering structures, buildings and homes.