

We are also pleased that this hearing has brought out the enlightened possibility on the part of many miners so that the abuses that Senator Church has mentioned which we can view any time we drive on highways in Montana and Idaho and Utah and Washington and all over the West, are no longer in existence.

We do have a concern over the public interest to see that these abuses do not continue. We have a concern with the development of proper appeals, security of basic rights, passage of constitutional legislation, all of which we have tried to raise in the course of this hearing.

We are grateful to you for bringing this to our attention so far as your particular industry is concerned.

Senator Burdick, do you have some comments?

Senator BURDICK. No. I arrived late but I assure them I will read the testimony.

Senator METCALF. Thank you very much.

Mr. EMIGH. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator METCALF. Gentlemen, we have been here for more than an hour this afternoon. We have heard only one witness. I hope that as these hearings have developed we have had a lot of repetition and many of the points have been covered.

Again, I reiterate your statement will be printed in full in the record. So try to summarize and bring up new material.

The next witness is Mr. Jarle Leirfallom, commissioner of conservation, State of Minnesota. You have a companion, Mr. Lierfallom. We are delighted to have you with us.

STATEMENT OF JARLE LEIRFALLOM, COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION, STATE OF MINNESOTA, ACCOMPANIED BY EUGENE JERE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF WATER, SOILS, AND MINERALS

Mr. LEIRFALLOM. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, the green brochure you have is the statement of Gov. Harold Le Vander which he has asked me to present on his behalf because while he was planning to come here he was unable to come. I am appearing in his stead.

Senator METCALF. We would be pleased to have Governor Le Vander, but we are glad to see you.

Mr. LEIRFALLOM. My name is Jarle Leirfallom. I have with me Eugene Jere, Director of the Division of Water, Soils, and Minerals, of Minnesota. We have in Minnesota a department of conservation that combines substantially all of the natural resources in one department.

Because time is short, Mr. Chairman, I am going to merely abbreviate this report. It has its own exhibits that are self-explanatory: Some good maps of the very interesting Mesabi Range, some brochures in the back that show some of the positive values that are created by mining and are advertised as tourist attractions and these sorts of things. In my brief summary I want to say, Mr. Chairman, that Minnesota is a State of great natural beauty and the Nation's largest producer of iron ore.

We are, therefore, vitally interested in any legislation that could affect the iron mining industry and thus the economy of the State.