

Anderson, and I would like him to come forward and give his testimony.

Senator METCALF. Mr. Peplow, with that accolade we are delighted to have you before the committee and are looking forward to your testimony.

**STATEMENT OF EDWARD H. PELOW, JR., EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
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Mr. PELOW. Mr. Chairman, Senator Fannin, I am embarrassed, I hope I can live up to the advance billing. I am, as you know, Mr. Chairman, the executive secretary of the Arizona Mining Association.

I would like to interject here in my prepared statement that we endorse the constructive suggestions that have been made by such people as Joe Abnor from the American Mining Congress, Mr. Moody of the National Coal Policy Conference, Mr. Johnson, and yesterday we had some excellent testimony from Don Emigh and the Phosphate Lands Conference and so on.

I hope that my testimony this morning will not only support these statements, but will amplify them and refocus them.

The Arizona Mining Association, sir, is composed of 12 member companies and, as Senator Fannin has just told you, the annual production of copper within the State of Arizona which is achieved by these companies exceeds that of all the other 49 States put together.

I appear here today in behalf of this association and in opposition to Senate bill 3132 and similar legislation.

Our opposition is based on three general considerations:

(1) Our abiding faith in the free enterprise system on which so much of this country's greatness has been built;

(2) A deep concern for the continued industrial strength of the United States, without which our military competency would disappear; and

(3) A pragmatic and realistic conviction that passage of such legislation as Senate bill 3132 would not only fail to accomplish the objectives its proponents say it is designed to accomplish but that it very quickly, directly and effectively would deliver such a quietus to the mining industry that the United States as a whole would suffer immeasurably.

First, may I assure you that the member companies of the Arizona Mining Association, their executives, and I myself share the widespread concern over the preservation of natural beauty, the ecological amenities, expanding recreational resources, the prevention of the extinction of various species of flora and fauna, and the restoration to usefulness of any land anywhere damaged by any activity.

Yet as good Americans I think we must all be similarly concerned with the establishment and preservation of certain comparative national values. This is the greatest culture the world has ever begotten. It is a metals-based culture.

Every facet of our national life is dependent upon a continuing adequate supply of metals and minerals, and every thinking man must realize that, in today's volatile international world of tensions, we must achieve and maintain as close to a self-sufficient domestic minerals industry on the mainland of the United States as is humanly possible to attain.