

I was trying to think of the percentage of land in Alaska under Federal ownership. Is it about 95 percent?

Mr. WAUGAMAN. Ninety-five percent of our land is still under the Federal Government. We were allowed 103 million acres under the Statehood Act. However, we have a land freeze on and it has been on for the last year.

Senator FANNIN. Your selection program has been stopped at the present time?

Mr. WAUGAMAN. Yes, sir.

Senator FANNIN. I know that you still are in the process of making a selection. Do you feel that there will be extensive mining in that area?

Mr. WAUGAMAN. Oh, yes, sir.

Senator FANNIN. And this would not then be under the Department of the Interior if that occurs?

Mr. WAUGAMAN. We certainly hope we can get out from under the Department of the Interior but I doubt it very much. Actually, on the other hand, too, Senator, our regulations in Alaska and our mining laws in Alaska are very close to the regulations that have been promulgated by the Department of the Interior for the Federal lands.

Senator FANNIN. I think we all realize the tremendous need for a good Federal-State cooperation in these programs. From your testimony and that of others, I gather they are very desirous of having this type of cooperation and what you are concerned about now is the amount of power this proposed legislation would give to the Secretary.

Mr. WAUGAMAN. That is correct, sir.

Senator FANNIN. I commend you for your statement. We are very desirous of having a supply of ore and all types of ore available at all times, not only from the standpoint of the economy of our country, but from the standpoint of our Nation's defense. That is what you are thinking about when you refer to development going forward?

Mr. WAUGAMAN. That is certainly correct.

Senator FANNIN. Thank you very much.

Senator METCALF. I thank you. I want to thank you, too, Senator, for your statement. I heard Senator Bartlett yesterday tell the Northwest Rivers and Harbors Conference people who are meeting here and developing a water resource development program for our North-western States—and we feel that Alaska is a companion State—that some States are underdeveloped and some regions are underdeveloped, but Alaska is undeveloped.

I am reminded of a story about Justice Holmes. He was sitting on the bench of the U.S. Supreme Court and one of the counsels misquoted that frequently used statement attributed to Justice Marshall that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Justice Holmes stopped the lawyer and said, "Not while this court is sitting."

And I want to admonish you that as long as Senator Bartlett and Senator Gruening are sitting around here, I know how much money they have obtained for Alaska and I don't think that you need to fear the dead hand of the Federal Government.

Thank you very much.

Mr. WAUGAMAN. Thank you. Thank you, sir.