

to hear testimony on two important matters here on the west coast.

We come with open minds. We are anxious to listen and to see.

Now, we hope to hear just as many witnesses as possible. I wish it were possible for us to hear every one of them. In order for us to move with dispatch, we will first hear public witnesses—public officials, and representatives of different units of government—and then we will hear representatives of different organizations. Most of them will be given 3 minutes. Then, this afternoon, when we get to private individuals who have requested to testify—and I am impressed with the interest which prompted some 700 people to request to be heard—we, obviously, cannot hear that many people and hear each one very long.

When we get to those individuals, we will draw numbers. Each one of you has received a number. Each one who requested to be heard and who is on the list has received a number from the committee clerk. Those will be drawn out of a box and that will determine the order for the people who will be heard. That seemed to us to be the fairest way to proceed.

Now, we requested that all witnesses have 50 copies of their statements. Those will be given to the various members of the committee, to the staff and to the official reporter. If you do not have 50, give whatever you have to the committee staff and they will be distributed in the best possible way.

There are a few witnesses who should be given 5 minutes' time. As we have done in other hearings, these will include Representatives in Congress, heads of State departments, principal spokesmen for the different counties and cities that are very much involved, and one principal spokesman for industries and organizations.

Now, to help you identify these Congressmen, I would like for each one of them, starting on my right here, to state his name and the State he is from.

Mr. SKUBITZ. Joe Skubitz, from Kansas.

Mr. McCLURE. Jim McClure, Idaho.

Mr. TAYLOR. On my left.

Mr. UDALL. Mo Udall, from Arizona.

Mr. FOLEY. Tom Foley, Washington.

Mr. KASTENMEIER. Bob Kastenmeier, Wisconsin.

Mr. RYAN. Bill Ryan, New York.

Mr. KEE. Kee, West Virginia.

Mr. MEEDS. Lloyd Meeds, Washington State.

Mr. KAZEN. Kazen, from Texas.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you.

Our first witness is Hon. Lloyd Meeds, a Member of Congress whom most of you know. He has been most cooperative and he has been most helpful in regard to this legislation. He is a member of our committee.

STATEMENT OF HON. LLOYD MEEDS, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

It is not my intention to take the valuable time of this committee and of this audience to testify at this time. I would like, Mr. Chairman, with your permission, to reserve that right but to take just a brief