

time to express my great appreciation to the members of this committee and to welcome them to the peaceful Washington.

My appreciation runs deep because I know as the chairman has said, that many of the Members have given up Easter recesses with their families and as importantly, too, being away from their constituents during this very important time. So, my very deep gratitude to the members of the committee and those witnesses who have prepared testimony.

It is my desire and my hope that there will be a full and fair hearing on this matter and that the conclusions that result therefrom will be proper and reasonable conclusions.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, may I reply to our colleague who is a member of this committee and who also is one of the newer Members of Congress, that he has been very cooperative with the chairman of the full committee, the chairman of the subcommittee, and the members of the committee in his position on this legislation. It becomes a very difficult task when emotions are such as they are for a Member of Congress to have to accept the responsibility which he does. This is especially true when there may be those in the congressional delegation that seemingly are not exactly in harmony with many of the things he has done.

Mr. Meeds has been a very, very effective, very cooperative Member and we are glad to be in his area. May I say that this goes for all of the Members of Congress from the State of Washington.

Mr. TAYLOR. Our next witness is a Member of Congress who is known to many of you, also. He is a member of our committee, and he, too, has been most helpful and most cooperative as we have worked on this matter. He has talked to me several times and he is disappointed that we are not holding hearings at Wenatchee at this time. He was most disappointed when it was impossible for us to arrange that.

STATEMENT OF HON. THOMAS S. FOLEY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mr. FOLEY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

I am going, of course, to join my colleague, Lloyd Meeds, in reserving my statement until some future time. I want to join him in expressing appreciation to the members of the committee who have come to the State of Washington for these hearings. I do not know if the audience is aware of the fact but I think this is probably the largest contingent of Members of Congress, of either the House or Senate, that has ever appeared in the State of Washington. There are nine Members here this morning from other than this State. They have taken very valuable and precious time from their own districts and from their own families to attend these hearings.

I want to say, too, that the chairman of the full committee, as well as the chairman of this subcommittee, Mr. Taylor, are fully aware of the problems that have been associated with holding these hearings. As Mr. Taylor said, I had hoped and still hope that it will be possible to hold hearings east of the mountains in Wenatchee, but considering the schedule of the committee there has been every effort made by the two chairmen to accommodate those who are scheduled to testify. It