

up reasonably with the \$500 million of the land claims being asked by the natives of Alaska?

Governor HICKEL. I would like to ask a question to help answer that. How many acres were involved in the \$29 million settlement?

Mr. TUNNEY. It was in excess of 100,000.

When I said the whole State of California was in some way involved, we are talking obviously about 100,000 square miles.

Governor HICKEL. Yes, but you are talking about a claim for 100,000 acres.

Mr. TUNNEY. Mr. Witmer, do you know what it was?

Mr. WITMER. No, I do not.

Governor HICKEL. We are talking about a few hundred million acres here. This is the difference.

Mr. TUNNEY. The point I am making is that the Indians of California had as much claim, I thought, to the lands of all of California as the natives of Alaska did to the land of all of Alaska. California is in excess of 100,000 square miles, and they were granted by whatever legal fiction in the presentation of their claims, they were awarded \$29 million for the lands they had in California.

What is being asked by the natives of Alaska is \$500 million for the lands of California.

Governor HICKEL. Alaska is five and a half times as big.

Mr. TUNNEY. On the other hand, California produced last year \$86 billion in gross State product.

Governor HICKEL. If we had not been neglected we could outproduce that. You will never win that argument with me.

Mr. TUNNEY. How many citizens do you have in Alaska?

Mr. ASPINALL. If the gentleman will yield, we have to be careful of this record. We were told when we granted statehood that you folks would be self-sufficient. Several of us did not think you would, but we granted statehood just the same. This question of neglect, we neglect Washington, D.C., we neglect Colorado, so let us not put it upon the basis of Uncle Sam, the Great White Father, neglecting any particular area.

Governor HICKEL. Mr. Chairman, I do not want to be argumentative, but in the 28 years I have been there, if you would go over that vast 300,000 square miles of Arctic and not see one bit of manmade surface transportation, then you might understand there has been some neglect.

Mr. TUNNEY. How many citizens are there in Alaska?

Governor HICKEL. 280,000, roughly.

Mr. TUNNEY. You don't deny, do you, that Alaska gets more money per capita from the Federal Government than any other State in the Union?

Governor HICKEL. I won't deny anything because it has been so far behind. I agree with you.

Mr. TUNNEY. Far behind in what way? You have 280,000 citizens.

Governor HICKEL. That is right.

Mr. TUNNEY. We have problems in other parts of the country. New York City has 8 million citizens and nobody denies there has been tremendous neglect in the city of New York. So, it is all relative, is it not?

Governor HICKEL. I would like to answer that.