

that some of our very capable witnesses won't have an opportunity to testify if we do not move on faster.

Mr. HALEY. The gentleman makes a very good observation.

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Chairman, I certainly agree and I shall not get into any argumentative situation, Governor. I want to commend you on an excellent statement. In your statement there are a few things that I would like to have you explain just a little. On page 9 you are talking about this settlement with the Indians of Alaska. The second point is you want the land in fee to these historic villages.

Would this be in fee to a tribe, or would it be in fee to individuals?

Governor HICKEL. To a tribe, to an area; not to individuals.

Mr. BERRY. Would the tribe in turn be able to sell and dispose of this land?

Governor HICKEL. I think they would develop it anyway that their council or their group management would wish them to do it. In the general concept of the historic site of the village, you could not say it would be public use, but it would be for their cooperative use.

The developments in that area would be for their cooperative use.

Mr. POLLOCK. If the gentleman would yield, I think a lot of this will be covered in later testimony.

Mr. BERRY. Very well.

I have just one question about your capital investment. What is proposed in capital investment; housing?

Governor HICKEL. It could be housing but basically we are talking about public works, community buildings, water sewers, things of necessity to be brought up to what is needed. It would be for the public benefit. It could be housing if they saw fit. We were thinking of a public works type of project.

Mr. BERRY. In this whole program your thought is that they should not be restricted to trusteeship by the Department of Interior.

Governor HICKEL. That is right.

Mr. BERRY. Do you feel that they are competent to handle their own affairs?

Governor HICKEL. I do. They know the area well.

Mr. BERRY. I think that is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ASPINALL. Just to clear the record so we have the values, it might appear that some of us are against this bill. We are not against this bill. We want the record right.

Governor HICKEL. I understand.

Mr. ASPINALL. Under the Statehood Act the State of Alaska gets all the fee, service, timber, minerals, and everything else to almost one-third of the entire State. Not only that, they have 90 percent of all of the mineral values of the Federal lands going into the State of Alaska. This is not an argument, but just to see that we have these values in their proper perspective.

Thank you very much.

Governor HICKEL. I would like to clear up one point, if I misled you. I meant from the standpoint in those days it could be done privately and those lands could be owned privately and the private ownership could have the mineral rights and all that. That is what I meant in the development of California, unlike the development of Alaska where the State and Federal Government have to lead in this area.