

Mr. POLLOCK. Mr. Chairman, I would like first to compliment the Governor on his excellent statement and testimony. Several points occurred to me on the basis of the general discussion, and one is that while the State of Alaska was awarded something like 28 percent of the land mass of the State of Alaska for State selection, we have only been able to select about 5 billion acres and we have had a land freeze imposed upon the State and its selection now since the beginning of the year. This is one of the many problems that all of us want to get resolved. This is one of the aspects of urgency about resolving the native land claims problem.

As to the comment of the distinguished chairman of the full committee earlier about the amount of money which has been paid to all claims in the lower 48 States, excluding Hawaii for the moment, I think part of the problem, Mr. Chairman, is that what we are talking about now is something the Governor alluded to, and that is the great landmass we have in Alaska. So if there is a question of taking or a question of compensation for land, we are talking about an area which comprises something like one-sixth of the entire United States. I think we are dealing in larger figures. As a consequence, we might very well get into higher mathematics. I have no further comment. I am pleased to have the Governor here.

Mr. HALEY. Are there any further questions?

Does any member of the professional staff have any questions? If not, thank you very much, Governor.

Governor HICKEL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HALEY. May I call to the attention of the members of the committee, you keep talking about this land belonging to the Soviet Union, actually as you well know we bought it from the czar of all the Russians.

Mr. POLLOCK. A pertinent comment, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. HALEY. So the Russians today might not want to participate in something that the czar did because they did not treat him too well.

The next witnesses are the Alaska Federation of Natives. I understand that they want to come forward as a panel of six. Mr. Notti, Mr. Wright, Representative Hensley, Mr. Borbridge, Mr. Groh, and Mr. Jackson.

Will you gentlemen come forward?

STATEMENT OF EMIL NOTTI, PRESIDENT, DON WRIGHT, HON. BILL HENSLEY, JOHN BORBRIDGE, CLIFF GROH, AND BARRY JACKSON, ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES

Mr. HALEY. Gentlemen, just so we know who is who, will you start on my left and give your names to the reporter?

Mr. JACKSON. Barry Jackson.

Mr. WRIGHT. Donald Wright.

Mr. NOTTI. Emil Notti.

Mr. BORBRIDGE. John Borbridge.

Mr. GROH. Cliff Groh.

Mr. HENSLEY. Bill Hensley.

Mr. HALEY. Do you have a spokesman for this group or do you just want to present the statement?