

rostrum and take a seat and participate with us. We will be delighted to have you up here with us.

We have with us one of our esteemed members, the Honorable Howard V. Pollock. He has the task of making the presentation concerning the need and requirements of your area.

We are certainly pleased to have you, sir.

**STATEMENT OF HON. HOWARD V. POLLOCK, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA**

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

Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee on Flood Control, I wish to express my appreciation for the consideration that you have shown in allowing testimony to be presented at this time out of order, for the convenience of our Alaskan witnesses who have traveled so far; and I realize that this is ahead of the planned hearings.

Mr. Chairman, we certainly do appreciate your consideration. It is obviously a substantial saving in both money and time for the Alaskans present today to give their testimony both before the Senate and in the House. We are most grateful.

I would like to say also, Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you very, very much for authorizing the members of your subcommittee to travel to Fairbanks, Alaska, last fall to have hearings there under the very able chairmanship of Congressman Jim Wright. We deeply appreciate all of you taking time and effort to be concerned with our problem and to come to Alaska to visit with us.

Mr. JONES. Well, we in this committee have recognized the importance of seeing the projects and seeing the physical aspects and becoming personally acquainted with the aspirations of the people, with what they intend to do.

It is not always easy to sit up here in committee and get all the answers; but by physical examination of the property and the damages, the inconvenience that has been caused, the loss of land and property, this committee tries to see as much as is possible.

Mr. POLLOCK. Mr. Chairman, we certainly commend you for your interest and your dedication, and very much appreciate it, as it is applied to this situation.

The Tanana River project is a very important thing, obviously, to all of the people of the Fairbanks area, to the people of Alaska, and I should certainly add, to me personally.

I need not describe to you the disastrous effects of the 1967 flood.

The delegation that you sent down from the committee was on the scene almost immediately after that to survey the damage, and our words are just inadequate to express the appreciation.

Virtually the entire city of Fairbanks, as you have had the report, the second largest city in Alaska, was inundated.

The danger that nature will strike again in a similar destructive manner is always present, and this is our major concern.

The construction of the proposed flood control project will insure that the present damage caused by the 1967 flood will not be suffered again.