

most appreciative of the visit of the subcommittee, the field committee of this Subcommittee on Flood Control, and that Jim Wright was chairman of that field committee of Mr. Snyder, Mr. McDonald, and various others came up there; and we were very heartened to see that energetic action that they took and the keen interest they showed.

I am sure they were well guided, not only through Fairbanks, but all of Alaska.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Pollock.

Mr. POLLOCK. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate again speaking out of order, and I want to reiterate a statement I made earlier when Mr. Wright was not here. I want to say that we not only very much appreciated the field committee to Alaska, but I would like you to know, in his presence, that I think he did a tremendous job and I think every Alaskan that is here would share that view.

Mr. JONES. He always does; and so do the other members of the committee that accompanied him on that trip.

If you will have a seat, we will introduce the other members.

Now we have Mr. H. A. "Red" Boucher, the mayor.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, I just cannot let this moment go by without acknowledging the presence of this mayor, Red Boucher. I am going to say categorically that I believe the committee observed one of the most energetic, certainly one of the most dedicated and one of the ablest mayors that the United States possesses; and we now have the privilege of having him before this committee. The job that he did under extremely adverse conditions up there will be remembered by this committee for a long, long time, and we are certainly pleased to have you here, sir.

Mr. JONES. With the warm responses you are getting now, you better close your case and go on home.

STATEMENT OF HON. H. A. "RED" BOUCHER, MAYOR OF FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Mayor BOUCHER. I am not going to tell you about the statistics, Mr. Chairman. I think we have some great friends of Alaska here.

In Alaska we are not very formal, so I want to thank Jim Wright, one of our honorary citizens, and a citizen of the second largest State in the Union. He brought us warmth and friendship.

Don, you brought us the title of "Comeback City" from Crescent City, which we, in turn, renamed "Can-do City"; and Gene, you brought us the warmth of Kentucky there, and I would like to say Jack McDonald, from Michigan, please give him the warmest regards of the city of Fairbanks.

You are going to get the statistics. I am going to show you a few pictures here, some color slides and hope that those of you who were not there might be able to live through what the community lived through from the 15th of August until approximately the 21st, when the Chena River left its banks.

(At this point, a number of slides depicting Fairbanks before and after the flood were shown. See pictures that follow:)