

these men represent a total of 2,700 new residents, including dependents, and housing is not available.

Alaska today is the Nation's most undeveloped and underdeveloped State. It is established Federal policy that this situation be remedied. The Federal stake in Alaska is tremendous. Aggregate expenditures of Federal programs for Alaska for the fiscal year 1967 are well over the one-half-billion-dollar mark. The importance with which the President views problems of Alaska's development is underlined by the fact that his Executive Order No. 11182 of October 1964 established a review committee for development planning in Alaska as a Cabinet-level committee, consisting of the Secretaries of Commerce, as Chairman, Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Labor, HEW, HUD, and the heads of several major Federal agencies. The order also creates a Federal field committee for development planning in Alaska, headed by a Presidentially appointed Chairman, and consisting of representatives of Federal agencies involved in Alaska's development.

Mr. Chairman, I wish to thank you and your associates for listening to our presentation. We hope that your people will see our great need for the flood control program our group has outlined. We must capitalize on the natural advantages of the interior and expand those possibilities if the interior and northern Alaska areas are to be properly developed. We have every reason to believe that we will continue to grow, and the project that you are considering now is a must if we are to survive politically, financially, and economically.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity to appear before you. I, and all the members of my group, appreciate it most sincerely.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much, Mr. Bailey.

Any questions?

Again we are obliged to you, sir.

We have now Mr. Dwayne Carlson, president of the AFL-CIO of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska.

STATEMENT OF DWAYNE CARLSON, PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO OF ALASKA, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I do not have a prepared statement. I would like to state briefly that organized labor in the State of Alaska is wholeheartedly for this program and not for the construction it will bring to us in the jobs.

It was not too many years ago that the construction worker in Alaska was a transient. It was easier for him to leave his family in the States and fly back and forth.

However, in the last 10 or 15 years this has changed. Our children are born there now, and enrolled in the schools and go to the university. We would like to see this continued.

We were willing to gamble with this flood, take on the second mortgage, fix up our homes, but we need the assurance that it will not happen to us again or we will once again have to become transients.

I think also for the area, once we have the assurance, there is no doubt the community, as Mayor Boucher pointed out, will grow.

The potential for recreation for our population has not been mentioned, and should be.