

FEDERAL POWER ACT AMENDMENT OF 1967

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1967

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER,
COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met at 9 a.m., pursuant to notice, in room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Torbert H. Macdonald (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. MACDONALD. The hearing will come to order.

Although I did announce yesterday that Mr. Sommers would be the first witness, we have with us this morning Senator Lee Metcalf. Mr. Sommers, if you will excuse us, congressional courtesy dictates that we hear him first.

We are delighted to see you, and as a matter of fact, to have you back on this side. I wish you had never gone over there, even though you have done an outstanding job.

STATEMENT OF HON. LEE METCALF, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MONTANA

Senator METCALF. No comment, but I am delighted to be back on this side again. I found it difficult to find my way around with the improvements that have been made on this side and to this wonderful committee room you have.

I also want to commend the committee for holding hearings at this time so we who are in the Senate can come over here and then take care of our regular committee meetings at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Chairman, I am here this morning to discuss one of the most important issues before Congress, the manner in which our largest and most essential industry is regulated. I testified on the Senate companion bill, S. 1365, before the Senate Commerce Committee earlier this year. I also testified on the predecessor legislation, S. 218, in the 89th Congress.

With your permission, Mr. Chairman, and to save the committee's time, I ask permission to place in the record my statement on that bill and accompanying tables, and the statement I made when the House bills were introduced, copies of which I believe are before you and the other members of the committee on your desk.

Mr. MACDONALD. Without objection it is so ordered.