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## Hatfield: On Lumber Economy

(Speech by Senator Mark O. Hatfield  
In The United States Senate  
September 22, 1968)

Mr. President, the people of my State overwhelmingly support President Nixon in his desire to stabilize the purchasing power of their hard-earned dollars. Our citizens, young and old, want their take-home pay, their Social Security checks, interest on their savings accounts and earnings on other investments to be meaningful when they go to the supermarket to buy groceries, when they buy a home or a car, or spend money for other necessities. They are tired of reading each month the press releases of the Bureau of Labor Statistics which show a steady rise in the cost of most essentials — shelter, clothing and food.

On the other hand, they are confused as to why the United States is building so few homes this year when Congress set the goal in 1968 of 26 million new homes in the next decade. They know that means we have to build 2.6 million homes each year between now and 1978. They also know that tight money has limited the homes which will be built this year to about half of what we need to build to meet our ten-year goal.

This is of particular significance in my State of Oregon because we provide a fifth of the softwood lumber and nearly half of the softwood plywood, the two most important basic building materials used for America's homes. Our great State has one out of every five trees in the United States within its borders.

The people who grow, protect, harvest, manufacture and merchandise these trees for all the people of America, provide our State's principal economic backstop. In all, there are 85,000 people directly employed in Oregon's forest industry. In addition, there are at least 5,000 government employees managing the great Federal forests in our State. Together with those industries, which provide the materials, supplies and services for the forest industry, half the people of Oregon depend directly on trees for their economic well being.

Last fall the Nation experienced a run-away market for lumber and plywood when a combination of severe weather, pressure of log exports to Japan, a worse than average box-car shortage, coincided with an unprecedented fall building boom. Lumber and plywood demands were so heavy that supply could not meet them. Consequently, prices skyrocketed. This brought criticism from Government, from the homebuilding industry and the public. The forest industry in my State was accused of gouging its customers.

As a result, the principal seller of timber in my State, the Federal Government itself, was accused of gouging its customers, the hundreds of sawmills and plywood plants which depend on Federal timber for their raw materials.

As a result of the five-month abnormal market which subsided as quickly as it developed, many operators were caught with high unprecedented raw material prices. The Government was left holding the bag because many operators by early summer were unable to operate on high priced Government timber because of what they could realize for lumber and plywood in the marketplace was less than the cost of production.

At the request of myself and my colleagues in the Oregon Delegation, the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service withdrew advertised timber sales and reappraised them at levels which they believed were more in line with current timber values on the heavily depressed market, which resulted directly from the falling-off of home building. However, too much of the Government timber was still appraised too high and many sales went unsold.

It is clear that neither the industry nor the government can have it both ways at the same time. On one hand, the industry must be able to buy raw materials at a price it can afford to pay in relationship to what consumers are paying for lumber and plywood. Or, in time, mills will go out of business.

On the other hand, the government with its housing goals to meet and being the Nation's principle timber owner—three-fourths of all the trees in my State belong to the Federal Government — must realize that it cannot expect to extract the last nickel out of its trees and still house the people of America.

With the Administration's current desire to curb inflation, the cutting back on public works construction is apparently aimed at increasing homebuilding. But, with curbs on money too, everyone wonders how this is going to be possible.

I must say to the Administration and to my colleagues in the Senate that if the United States is to realize its homebuilding goals, we have to start building now, because you can't run sawmills and plywood plants on promises of a boom to come if you are breaking the mills during the waiting period.

With sawmills and plywood plants in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest greatly curtailed right now, at a time of the year when they are normally bustling, the country is just asking for another round of run-away lumber and plywood prices when homebuilding finally starts again.

Lumber companies which are running on slow bell now will be hard put to rise to meet the demands fast enough if we suddenly open up the floodgates and let the country begin to satisfy its appetite for housing once again. And, if the run-away prices occur like they did last year, we will be criticizing the lumber industry here on the floor of the Senate, investigating its pricing practices and answering thousands of letters from our constituents who will want to know "how come?"

How much better it would be to roll up our sleeves and meet the homebuilding goals of this country by getting the Government, as the Nation's number one timber owner, to appraise its timber more realistically and to establish monetary and fiscal policies which will keep the homebuilding economy stabilized at a desirable level.

My colleagues, I recognize the need to curb inflation. This cruel form of double taxation is taking its toll in all levels of our society. It is creating problems that we are voting billions to attempt to resolve.

I cannot subscribe to a formula for reducing inflation which fails to recognize its basic cause. The fever of this malady is being fed by expensive, non-productive defense purchases which in some cases are of dubious effectiveness. My recent activities in this body have been motivated by a desire to reduce the Department of Defense requests of those items which would not necessarily add to our nation's total strength.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In Retrospect

Dear Friends and Readers: Even the professional writer Ann Landers has been credited with making a few mistakes and she gracefully admits she goofed and takes her noodle lashes. My humble apology for saying the chute boss ordered me out. I should have said "the man who appeared to have been the chute boss, and helps with the flanking and business behind the chute gates did the swearing at me."

Would like to clarify two statements made by Charlie Daly, (because to me a spade is a spade). I did not "borrow a flank strap," I just plain stole a bucking rope long enough for a county official to take pictures of the device, so that I would have pictures of it to show others what may be found among the tack and gear. This rope was in a stack of bucking straps on the ground at the foot of the grandstand Aug. 25, 1968. People of Morrow county might be interested to know this piece of equipment appeared to be a regulation length bucking rope with loop in one end. In center section was a buckskin piece of leather studded with about 20 long sharp copper rivets sticking out. This device was laced on to rope with a buckskin string.

Mr. Gene Burgess of Oregon Humane Society of Portland was unable to act as representative this year, because he was tied up with a rodeo at Salem. So he sent the very fine capable Mr. Frank Lieable in his place. I'm proud to say he stopped in on Aug. 22 and made his acquaintance at our home, too. We were honored to have him as our house guest on Sunday morning to join with a group of our friends to attend the cowboy breakfast. He also stopped on his way home to bid us a friendly farewell. Real decent chap.

All rodeos that I have come

in contact with are more than happy to announce their show has a humane officer present to see that all goes well, to soothe the minds of those who do worry about animal cruelty. The question still remains how can he do any more about the cruel unlined cinches, some with knots tied in them and chains tied on? If the NRA cowboy rule book page 34 only states, "contestants will have the right to have judges pass on whether or not the horse is properly saddled and flanked to buck its best" about the only satisfaction the horses derive from this rule is the representative can check for wires, hooks, spiders, tacks and the use of remote control on flanks of rodeo stock.

It's excellent news that he did report "no injured animals this year," a much desired record over last year. It is most commendable to use whips to replace the former method of hot shots to jolt and harass animals while being moved in corrals and chutes. I'm compelled to correct the statement about my having a particular gripe about Heppner's very fine and highly respected rodeo announcer. Just thought if people opened their eyes and ears they might start thinking for themselves. For example, it is truly absurd to open a show by saying how valuable all rodeo stock is and that no one would think of having anything mistreated or be injured because they are so valuable. And in the next breath say "we have just added a new canner to our bucking string, how lucky it is to not end up in canned dog food."

Another example of clitter, clatter chatter on Aug. 25, 1968, after the race horse fell with the broken leg and as the helpers were removing the girl from the rigging, she screamed. The announcer's soothing words to the crowd were "everything's all right, she is just over excited." When the second scream came, he consoled the audience by saying, "Oh she is alright, she's just concerned about her horse." Now pray tell, how does an announcer know what is going on in the mind of an injured girl with a fractured skull who is on her way to the hospital. Absurd!

The remark a few years ago by Pendleton's announcer would really tip the hats of the visiting dignitaries who were there. The seats were all sold and no more people were even allowed to go in to the bleacher areas to prevent the sight of a calf flopping out on three legs, since the fourth was broken. The announcer informed the thousands of spectators and people all over town in hearing distance of loud speaker, "that calf went down there and hurt itself, we think so much of our stock, we will take it out back and see that it gets the best of care." Wouldn't you call that an absurd remark?

Of course RCA and NRA rule books say you can't use sharpened rowels but it didn't prevent the bloody sight of one of the horses at last year's rodeo that I have previously described. One of your previous pickup men took the rope of that cut and bleeding horse from the acting pick up man because his chaps and horse were also blood splattered from picking up show-off cowboy. If anyone doubts my word, they might check with our former officials who were in office last year because he viewed the stock and knows of what I speak.

Mrs. Lois Winchester

We must not permit our concern for external defense to vitiate our internal strength. These must be developed hand in hand.

The homebuilding goals of our nation must be met. Adequate housing is just as essential to our total national strength as a spersonic bomber.

(Editor's Note:

Congratulations, Senator Hatfield, on rising to your feet and proclaiming these facts, so near and dear to the heart of Oregonians. With lumber the backbone of many of our smaller communities, eyes and ears of many of our leaders need to be opened to the facts. Let's hope the coming year will see words put into action!)

## The Rhyming Philosopher

### EQUALIZATION

Oh where is my wandering husband today?  
Well, he's out in the hills and far, far away.  
He's out with his rifle a-hunting the deer  
With chums and a jeep-load of whiskey and beer.

And who shall assert, that he hasn't the right?  
So that's why my husband is absent tonight.  
Each year he looks forward to having his spree,  
Without any qualms or a thought about me.

He leaves me alone to look after the place  
And greet his return with a loving embrace.  
Of course I'll be here, so where else would I go?  
But what I've been doing he never will know.  
He thinks I'll be knitting or darning his socks  
While he goes cavorting around on the rocks.

The coast is all clear and I sit here alone,  
The timing is ripe for a spree of our own.  
Come over my lover, come in the back door,  
There's meat on the griddle and liquor galore.  
While he's hunting deer, his old dear's on the loose:  
What's good for the gander is good for the goose!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

## MEETING CALENDAR

Monday, October 6—  
Chamber of Commerce, noon  
Wagon Wheel  
South Morrow Ministerial Ass'n., 1:00  
City Council, City Hall, 7:30  
Ruth Assembly No. 50, Rainbow Girls, Masonic Hall, 7:00  
American Legion and Auxiliary, 7:00, Legion Hall  
Tuesday, October 7—  
AF & AM, No. 69, Masonic Hall, 8:00  
St. Patrick's Altar Society, 8:00  
Wranglers, 8:00  
Golden Age Club, Episcopal Hall, 7:00  
Evening Extension Unit, 7:30  
Wednesday, October 8—  
Willows Lodge, IOOF, 8:00  
Jaycees, 8:00  
Ione Garden Club, 1:30  
Thursday, October 9—  
Soroptimists, Wagon Wheel, noon  
Three Links, 2:00  
Port Commission  
Friday, October 10—  
Rhea Creek Grange, 6:30  
Saturday, October 11—  
Lexington Grange, 8:00

## Heppner Garden Club To Meet Each Month

Interest is growing in one of Heppner's newest organizations, the Heppner Garden Club. Plans are being made to meet regularly each third Monday evening of the month, with the next regular meeting set for October 20, at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Program of the last meeting on September 15 was devoted to a talk on dahlia culture by Bill Rawlins, club president, accompanied by a showing of slides prepared by a bulb grower. Mrs. Wallace Wolff is serving as the club's vice-president. New members are urged to join the group and present ideas which will be of common interest.

## Holly Sponsors First Series Card Parties

First in a series of six monthly pinocle parties will be sponsored by Holly Rebekah lodge Saturday evening, October 1, at 8 p.m. The public is invited to participate.

To be eligible for grand prizes, players must be present for four of the six scheduled parties, held the first Saturday evening of each month. Game prizes will be given each time, and refreshments served.

Proceeds of the card parties will be used toward improvements at the IOOF building.

## Osmins are Honored At Jaycee Farewell

Mr. and Mrs. Al Osmin were honored guests at a going-away party given by the Morrow County Jaycees Saturday night at the American Legion hall. The Osmins are moving to Pendleton to make their home. The evening began with a potluck dinner at 6:30, after which games and dancing was held for the remainder of the evening. The Osmins were presented a gift from the 35 Jaycee members and wives present.

## Golden Age Club Resumes Meetings

The Golden Age club will hold its first meeting of the season on October 7. Everyone over 50 years of age is invited to the potluck dinner at 7:00, to the Episcopal Parish hall and to the meeting that will follow the dinner. Entertainment will be provided.

## Early-day Resident, Ida (Lindsay) King, Celebrates 90th Year

Mrs. Ida (Lindsay) King, an early Morrow county resident, celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her daughter in the Waldo Hills at Silverton on Wednesday, September 24. Mrs. King was born in a covered wagon on the banks of the Colorado River. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Howard, were moving from Kentucky. At one time her father was a Morrow county commissioner.

In 1895 she was married on Little Butter Creek to Alexander Lindsay. For many years they were members of the United Brethren church of Heppner, and later joined the First Christian church of Ione, where she has remained a faithful member. Mr. Lindsay preceded her in death in 1938. In 1946 she married Earl King of Silverton, who passed away in 1963. After suffering a broken hip she has made her home at the Silver Crest Manor in Silverton.

Members of her family who came to wish her "happy birthday" were her children, Anna Lorence of Silverton; Jessie Buck of Seattle, Wn.; Betty Kane of San Bernardino, Calif.; Mary Hurgutt of Portland; and Elbra Brady of Silverton. Her son, James Lindsay, is confined to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Mrs. King has many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They are widespread from Sitka, Alaska, to California.

## New Members Join Teachers' Honorary

Two new members were initiated into Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, honor society for women teachers, at formal initiation ceremonies Saturday evening, September 20, at the Vert Club rooms in Pendleton. The new members are Mrs. William Rawlins of Ione, and Mrs. Manville Zerba of Milton-Freewater.

Assisting in the initiation ceremony were Mrs. LeVelle Province, chairman, and the following chapter officers: Mrs. Adrian Bechtold, Heppner, president; Mrs. Glenn Skold, Milton-Freewater, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Harold Liesgang, Hermiston, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. L. E. Dick, Heppner, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Spike, Hermiston, recording secretary, and Mrs. Calvin Plants, Pendleton, treasurer.

An inspirational message to the new candidates "Value of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society" was presented by Mrs. Earl Esselstyn, Pendleton.

## Church Young People Organize for Year

Officers were elected for Lutheran League at its last meeting Sunday, September 21, at the Valley Lutheran church. President is Bob Peck, assisted by Herbie Ekstrom, vice president; Sandi Carlson, secretary; Diana Cutsforth, reporter; Kris Peterson, Valby representative; Tom Cutsforth, Hope representative, and Diana Cutsforth, reporter. The new officers were installed on Sunday, September 28.

During the business meeting there was discussion on the meeting day and on the sponsors. Meetings will be held each third Sunday at 4:30 p.m., and the sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Decker, Miss Lynn Bowman and Mr. and Mrs. Orval Matheny. The next meeting will be October 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Hope Lutheran church.

## Couple Sees Friends On Overnight Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Soward drove to Dufur to attend church on Sunday, September 21, then visited and had dinner with the pastor, Harry Atkins. They continued on to Prineville and spent the evening with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ferber.

On Monday, September 22, they drove to Woodburn for a potluck dinner for retired ministers and missionaries, given by the retired ministers living at the Woodburn Estates. They had an opportunity to visit with several friends they had not seen for years. Among the guests attending was Mrs. Jessie Simpson of Springfield, mother of Mrs. Carl Spaulding.

## Three Girls Pledged To U of O Sororities

Formal fall term sorority rushing ended Saturday night, September 21, at the University of Oregon, with 13 national houses pledging 180 women. The rush period was scheduled prior to the start of New Student Week and registration at the University which started September 24.

Pledges of Alpha Chi Omega sorority included two Heppner girls, Sara Miller and Patti Healy. Pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta is Teresa Stefani of Ione.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### AUXILIARY FOOD SALE

Home baked foods, Fri., Oct. 3, by American Legion Auxiliary Peterson Building, from 10:00 a.m. Proceeds to Veteran's Gift Shop

### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Heppner vs. Pilot Rock, here, Friday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m.  
Riverside at Ione, Friday, Oct. 3, 2 p.m.  
Heppner Jaycees vs. Condon, there, Mon., Oct. 6, 4 p.m.

### LEGION & AUXILIARY

Potluck dinner and meeting Mon., Oct. 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Boys & Girls State Delegates, guest speakers

### PUBLIC CARD PARTY

Sat., Oct. 1, Lexington IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.  
First in series of 6 monthly parties  
Pinocle only, prizes, refreshments

### BLUEBIRD MEETING

3rd Grade Bluebirds Meet at Elem. School Cafeteria  
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