

1 technology whose time has come. And with that I'll let
2 everybody speak.

3 MR. BATTIS: Thank you.

4 124, come on up and then the next number I have is
5 147.

6 MS. OWEN: My name is Ramona Owen.
7 I'm a retired teacher and school counselor and an
8 activist.

9 As a planetary citizen, a very concerned
10 grandmother, a member of the Iroquois Nation, and one
11 born and raised 30 years in the Belau islands of
12 Micronesia, I'm here speaking on behalf of those who
13 aren't here today.

14 My father, a biologist, employed by the Department
15 of Interior worked energetically on behalf of
16 Micronesians to protect their islands and ocean, becoming
17 head conservationist of that beautiful part of our world.
18 My family was adopted by Chief Ovack's [phonetic] clan
19 and I'm representing my Belauan family and islands today.

20 It's important to remember that industrialized
21 nations have made decisions regarding the use of natural
22 resources that not only impacts citizens of that nation
23 but eventually small, nonindustrialized nations all
24 around the world.

25 Right now the Pacific Ocean is rising and

1 encroaching on the homes of Belauan people. Recently a
2 large and important taro plant garden that provides a
3 traditionally sacred and critical food supply to an
4 entire village has begun dying. This is due to the
5 elevation of sea levels and acidification impacting
6 coasts and islands.

7 Climate change from the most pernicious of fossil
8 fuels, the coal we are meeting about today, has begun
9 ringing the death knell of a peoples thousands of miles
10 away, the Belauans, the Yapese, the Chuukese,
11 Marshallese, Saipanese and Pohnpeians.

12 I call on you to work for the cessation of coal
13 mining, and I thank all the people who spoke earlier
14 today and I thank you for your work on behalf of all
15 humanity.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. BATTIS: I apologize. I think I
18 had card 129. I'm sorry, sir. We'll get her up and then
19 you'll be next.

20 MS. WILSON: It's okay. I'm here
21 until the end anyways, so I was here at the beginning and
22 passed along earlier numbers so that everybody would have
23 an opportunity to speak.

24 My name is Bea Wilson. I'm a great-grandmother and
25 my youngest great-grandchildren live in South Dakota,