

Review Commission. We are in wholehearted support of the objectives of the Commission. We are very interested in the work it is doing and we strongly suggest that the Commission be given time in which to complete its studies.

Now, in the same vein I would like to comment on the Classification and Multiple Use Act. We feel it is just simply sound procedure to examine what one has and then to decide how it is to be managed. It has to be examined before you can begin to prepare a management plan. These proposals, so far as we can determine, have been well received by the public. But some people have been alarmed with the alacrity with which the Bureau of Land Management has undertaken its task. From our own point of view we think that the Bureau ought to be commended because it is so infrequent that a Government agency does step forward with such speed. Nevertheless we also recognize that it is possible to make some mistakes and we have been in correspondence with the Governor of Nevada on this very point.

We feel that these lands can be unclassified as well as they could be classified so that if some mistakes are made they could be corrected.

Thank you, gentlemen.

Senator CHURCH. Thank you very much.

Senator Jordan, do you have any questions?

Senator JORDAN. No, no questions.

Thank you for your statement.

Senator CHURCH. We appreciate it.

Our next witness is Tom Kimball, the executive director of the National Wildlife Federation.

**STATEMENT OF THOMAS L. KIMBALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
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Mr. KIMBALL. Mr. Chairman, I am Thomas L. Kimball, executive director of the National Wildlife Federation, which has headquarters at 1412 16th Street NW., here in Washington, D.C.

The federation is a private organization which seeks to attain conservation goals through educational means. The federation has affiliates in 49 States. These affiliates, in turn, are made up of local groups and individuals who, when combined with associate members and other supporters of the National Wildlife Federation number an estimated 2 million persons.

I welcome the invitation to comment upon S. 2255, extending the life of the Public Land Law Review Commission. It is my intention to set out briefly two principles which I hope the subcommittee will consider with relation to this proposal, supplementing them with a few pertinent observations.

First, we have no objection to an extension of the life of the Public Land Law Review Commission for an additional 18 months. Neither do we object to the proposed increase of \$3.39 million in the maximum cost of the Commission's work. We are not in a position to evaluate these needs but have sufficient confidence in the members and staff personnel to approve when they say its life must be extended. We have been impressed with the quality of studies, either undertaken or planned, by the Commission, trusting they will develop sound and objective data upon which the Commission's recommendations will be based.