

The CHAIRMAN. Who elected the Governor?

Mr. CHAMBERS. The people of West Virginia.

The CHAIRMAN. Who appointed this man?

Mr. CHAMBERS. The Governor of West Virginia.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, I know, but isn't this representative government?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Well, don't you think that this should be brought out to the people, that this—

The CHAIRMAN. Oh, no, let me just say this. Mr. Chambers, obviously, we can't have a referendum on every issue. If we are going to have the people vote on everything that is brought up, we couldn't function in Congress.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Well, Senator—

The CHAIRMAN. Do you see what I mean?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes; I see what you mean.

The CHAIRMAN. What State are you from?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I am from West Virginia, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Do you have the initiative, referendum and recall?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I do not know.

The CHAIRMAN. You don't know?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Not exactly.

The CHAIRMAN. And were you born in West Virginia?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes, sir. I was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., and I realize I am getting into something here that I—

The CHAIRMAN. No, I am amazed that you are critical of someone whom you say doesn't represent the people, and you are not even familiar with whether you do or do not have initiative referendum and recall.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Senator, we came before this committee back in April. Our two U.S. Senators had gotten us involved in what was the wild and scenic rivers bill. We received just treatment from this committee.

The Cacapon and Shanandoah were removed. What we are fighting is, and against, people coming to this committee and getting us involved in something that we do not know about.

Now, we had not had a hearing when we got involved in this, and this type of thing has got to be stopped.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, wait a minute. Just maybe I can be of help to you. This committee does not determine the plan that is offered by the State of West Virginia. They come up with a plan.

Mr. CHAMBERS. I realize that.

The CHAIRMAN. And they can spend all their own money if they want. They can utilize the funds, if they wish—they don't have to—that are available out of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Mr. CHAMBERS. That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN. So we are not dictating what the policy of West Virginia ought to be. Now, they have to meet certain standards, if they are going to get Federal funds, but that does not mean that the State of West Virginia can't do it.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Well, Senator, may I ask a question? If we turn over or if the U.S. Congress turns over funds to the States, certainly the Congress should assume some type of responsibility on how these funds are used.