

Moss, of Utah, who introduced S. 886, and Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, one of the cosponsors.

We also have a statement prepared by Senator Gale McGee, of Wyoming, which will be inserted at the conclusion of today's hearing.

RIBICOFF COMMENDS MOSS' COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION

We are very delighted to have you, Senator Moss. All of us in the Senate have the highest respect and regard for you, not only as a distinguished Senator but as a man very knowledgeable and very dedicated to the whole field of conservation and natural resources.

Frankly, were it not for you, these hearings would not be held. Over the past 2 years, I have been deeply impressed with your dedication toward this cause and this objective.

~~matter, and I would hope that I could be here at least most of the time.~~

I appreciate it, too, because I recognize that this is sort of a beginning and informational phase of building a record on which the committee can then work its will, and I would hope that a full record could

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Reorganization. I hope these hearings signal the beginning of a comprehensive congressional examination of our natural resource needs.

NATURAL RESOURCES ARE DISAPPEARING

Despite much public understanding and concern, however, it is Our cities are in desperate need of recreation space. Citizens travel hundreds of miles to escape the noise and concrete of the city. Attendance at our national parks continues to break records. The once empty forests of Yosemite National Park are now filled with so many people on some weekends that every campsite is filled. And the smoke from their campfires throws a layer of smog over this beautiful park.

But pollution abatement, and conservation in general, are only part of the problem. We must have more land and more water for use at the same time that we are preventing their despoilation.