

Now, would you agree with me, Senator Moss, that there must be some sort of regional totality in the effort to plan and conserve our natural resources?

Senator Moss. Oh, I agree. As a matter of fact, we have a river basin planning act now where the Congress has said that each river basin should do its planning within the river basin, and this is a logical thing when you come to water and land.

I would agree with you, Senator, that regions vary. Some of them have peculiarities of one kind and some another, and they ought to be managed in accordance with whatever the physical and natural features are in a given area.

Here, again, I would mesh the whole thing into what our national picture is.

Senator BAKER. I would hope that this would lead you to agreement that a structure as unique and vital and effective as the Tennessee Valley Authority might be excluded from this program.

Senator Moss. I would appreciate that very much.

Senator BAKER. Thank you.

Senator RIBICOFF. Thank you very much.

CHANGES IN HEARING SCHEDULE

If there are no further questions, we appreciate your being here, and I hope, Senator Moss, that you would feel free to take your seat with the rest of us during the remainder of these hearings.

I have postponed the Wednesday hearing because of a conflict with the Finance Committee, of which both Senator Harris and myself are members. I think that the nature of the testimony tomorrow requires our presence there.

The Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budget will testify on Friday instead.

I am sorry if this inconveniences anyone, but we will go ahead with our Thursday hearing as scheduled.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it.

I would hope that the chairman would permit the record to be open for some time after these hearings are concluded, because I think, out of questions such as have been raised by Senator Baker and