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So, as you point out, there is a great deal of interest in this question of conservation and preservation of natural resources in our urban areas. I think that the whole structure and scope of this bill, the purpose of it, to consolidate this and to preserve it, will be of extraordinary value not only to friends in the West but also to those of us in the East.

Senator RIBICOFF. Senator Harris?

Senator HARRIS. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Senator RIBICOFF. Senator Hansen?

Senator HANSEN. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman.

Senator RIBICOFF. Senator Baker?

Senator BAKER. Mr. Chairman, I have no questions except to reiterate that, in general, I share the sentiments expressed by Senator Kennedy and Senator Moss to the effect that this heightened awareness to the necessity for conservation might better be served by improved organization.

However, I would once again underscore my belief that centralization of planning does not always produce uniformly good results, and I once again espouse my concern for one of the primary examples in this field, the TVA. distance of our population centers. That, once again, relates to something in my own State, in part at least. The Great Smoky Mountain National Park may not be the most spectacular national park in America—I happen to think it is—but it is the most visited, simply because it is in the East where the population is located, and I think there must be a coordination of effort in this direction as well. But I caution against, for my part, the destruction of those things good that have been created by way of regional agencies, such as TVA, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and others who have the responsibility, not only for natural resources development, but human development and economic development at the same time; and these are inextricably interwoven.

Senator RIBICOFF. Senator Moss?

Senator MOSS. I wish to express my appreciation to Senator Kennedy for his very fine statement and his understanding of the problem and the objective.

I think you stated it very well, and we would count on you to continue to expound this as the dialog continues on this.

I expressed my appreciation to the chairman of the subcommittee for setting this down and getting this underway.

I wanted to point out one thing, that it seems to me, was in your