

Senator CHURCH. Thank you very much, Mr. Gutermuth.
Are you finished, Senator Hansen?

Senator HANSEN. Yes, I am.

Senator CHURCH. Our next witness is Mr. Kenneth B. Pomeroy, the chief forester of the American Forestry Association. Mr. Pomeroy?

STATEMENT OF KENNETH B. POMEROY, THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, with your permission, I would like to file this statement in support of S. 2531, S. 2630, and S. 2571, and then take just a moment to tell you why our association is interested in these proposals.

Senator CHURCH. Yes, the statement will be included at the end of your oral presentation.

Mr. POMEROY. We have some 55,000 members in the American Forestry Association, and these people have a great variety of interests. The one thing that binds them together is the feeling of conservation through wise use, and one of these uses is the enjoyment of wilderness.

Each year, many of our members will visit wilderness areas in 11 of the States. This year, there will be about 25 such trips, and none of them will be in any of the three areas being considered here. However, we do have six trips into Wyoming, three into the Teton-Yellowstone area, and three into the Wind River Mountains.

While these people all enjoy and cherish wilderness, they also appreciate the need for other uses of the forests. A study of the proposals for the San Gabriel, the Mount Jefferson, and the Washakie Wildernesses indicate that thoughtful consideration has been given to maintaining a balance of major uses.

Therefore, we endorse these proposals. Thank you.

Senator CHURCH. Thank you very much, Mr. Pomeroy.

Any questions?

(The prepared statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF KENNETH B. POMEROY, THE AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Chairman, The American Forestry Association is a nationwide citizen conservation organization composed of 55,000 members. The purpose of the Association is the advancement of intelligent management and use of forests, soil, water, wildlife and all other natural resources necessary for a quality environment, healthy outdoor recreation, and the well being of all citizens.

Preservation of a portion of the country's wild lands in a National Wilderness Preservation System is a highly desirable conservation activity. We offer our support for S. 2531, S. 2630, and S. 2571 to establish the San Gabriel Wilderness in the Angeles National Forest of California; the Washakie Wilderness in the Shoshone National Forest of Wyoming; and the Mount Jefferson Wilderness in the Willamette, Deschutes, and Mt. Hood National Forests of Oregon. We concur in the recommendations of the U.S. Forest Service and the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to the boundaries to be designated for these three wilderness areas and urge favorable action by your committee.

Senator CHURCH. Our next witness is Mr. A. T. Wright of the National Capital Wilderness Study Committee. Mr. Wright.

STATEMENT OF ARTHUR T. WRIGHT, CONSERVATION CONSULTANT

Mr. WRIGHT. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. My name is Arthur T. Wright of Alexandria, Va. I am a conservation consultant