

and the Congress to consider what the people themselves are thinking, and what they are feeling. It also gives us some opportunity to hear what the other side has to say, and we can think about it. Maybe sometimes they are right.

On section E we have pretty well determined to agree with what you might say the other interests, the Forest Service and others, say. We originally had that area there, but now we are willing to give it up. It is going to be desirable for recreational uses at Devil Lake, and it is perfectly all right with us to take that out of the proposal. I think that was a result of the hearing, and we heard what the other side had to say about it, so that it sometimes works both ways.

Now, what is the value of all this? There is a lot of eyewash in this thing, but really the problem here, and the difference, is on timber. I don't kid myself about it. There are a lot of things said, but timber is the real problem here.

These interests want to go in and cut the timber, and we feel that it will completely destroy the beauty of the country, completely ruin one of the greatest economic values that Dubois and Fremont County has.

Over in the Jackson Hole country, Teton County, we have our scenic benefits there. We are probably the most prosperous or nearly the most prosperous county in the whole of Wyoming, although our population, Senator, is something like 2,000.

Senator HANSEN (presiding). A little more.

Mr. BONNEY. Maybe I shouldn't put it that low, but of all the counties in Wyoming, we are fourth largest in the sales tax receipts that go to the county. That is for a small county. That is because of the two and a half million visitors that the Senator mentioned.

Dubois pays that, and Fremont County, and the big advantage over this is not the few sticks of timber that they get out there, but the future of people coming in to see the wild herds of animals, and these scenic features.

What is the timber worth? I will just have to take their figures. In their brochure, in this J area of the DuNoir, I understand there is an appraisal of similar timber in that section of maybe 55 cents a thousand cubic feet. I understand there have been timber sales advertised in the newspapers there of similar timber with a \$2 minimum per thousand.

They say here in their proposal that they have submitted to this Congress that there is 30 million commercial feet of timber in there. Gentlemen, do you know what that represents, at 55 cents a thousand? That is \$16,500. That is the dollars and cents involved. If you take the \$2, at 30 million feet, you have \$60,000 involved, as against the economy of the whole town of Dubois and against the economy of all of Fremont County, and Wyoming, too.

Wyoming gets lots of sales tax. Part of their government is supported by the visitors that come there in the summertime, and support it. All that is balanced against this little, measly, in the entire DuNoir, \$60,000, if you take the minimum that they are advertising that timber for; \$60,000. It is gone forever.

Left like it is, it will support the Wyoming economy, and Fremont County, and the town of Dubois, for generations. But take it away, and in a few months it will be gone, and it is gone forever. This generation can't restore it, and the next generation can't. That is what we are talking about.