

would not result in inappropriate developments in these portions of the side canyons, which more properly belong within the boundaries. We are willing to go along with the easy-to-define boundary along this southern edge.

In general, we are very pleased that the Forest Service has shown good faith and good judgment in making its proposal for the San Gabriel Wilderness. It is appropriate that the proposal should enjoy the widespread support it has received. In fact, to the best of my knowledge, there has been no local opposition to it at all. This is the proposal incorporated in S. 2531. I hope this bill will become law as soon as possible.

Commenting a little more on the lack of opposition, the hearing in 1966 held in Altadena by the Forest Service was presided over by a hearing officer of some years of experience at this, and he said that in all of his 20 years of conducting such hearings, he had never seen one such as this. There just wasn't any disagreement with the Forest Service proposal. This should not be taken to mean that there is no controversy whatever attached to this area, or likely to be attached to it. What it really should mean is that we feel that any difficulties or disagreements which may arise in the future will be basically administrative, and we will be able to resolve differences through the normal administrative channels, and the fine cooperation we enjoy with the Forest Service in this area.

There was one little note of controversy, oddly enough. A certain gentleman, Mr. Alex Deutsch by name, tried to argue for the withdrawal of certain parts.

It does bring up a point which is worth making with respect to the San Gabriel Wilderness. Almost as close to the Los Angeles area are several units of the national wilderness preservation system.

The San Gabriel does not really overlap these in the kind of terrain which it preserves. All of these other areas I have just mentioned lie above 7,000 feet elevation. Almost entirely, the San Gabriel Wilderness is below 7,000 feet elevation, and the kind of terrain and area preserved is quite different. We need them all to have representative samples of all of the southern California mountain areas.

Thank you.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you very much, Mr. Marshall.

Next to be heard is Dan Reece, of Portland, Oreg.

Let me say, if I may, before you begin, Mr. Reece, that if you would like to emphasize any points that you think have particular significance, or in controversy, I think that might be indicated.

I would just say that, without having seen your testimony at all, I think these three areas have been rather adequately described. I just suggest that if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to emphasize points that you think may be of particular concern, we would be happy to have that, but certainly you may, if you like, read your statement in its entirety.

STATEMENT OF DAN R. REECE, PORTLAND, OREG.

Mr. REECE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a very short statement.

My name is Dan R. Reece. I came from Oregon to testify before this committee on my own volition, and at my own expense. Although