

majority of the people want to have a study made, I think this committee is for it. And if the proper study has already been made and we know what the costs are, we can then pass upon the proposal. But it just is not quite according to good citizenship to have people outside of an area try to tell you how to take care of a congressional district area.

That is all.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any other members any questions to ask Mr. Staggers? If not, Mr. Chairman, we thank you very much——

Mr. STAGGERS. Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR (continuing). For giving us your position.

(The statement of Mr. Staggers follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. HARLEY O. STAGGERS, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
FROM THE STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, again, my deep appreciation for the favorable consideration of the Committee in deleting from H.R. 8416, Sec. 5(a) (1), which provides for "potential addition" to the scenic rivers system "Cacapon, West Virginia: The entire river and its tributaries, the Lost River and North River."

I respectfully request the additional deletion of the following which is also within my Second Congressional District of West Virginia:

"Sec. 5(a) (16), page 10, providing for 'potential addition' to the scenic rivers system 'Shenandoah, West Virginia: The segment in the State of West Virginia.'"

As indicated in my testimony before your Committee on March 7, 1968, items (1) Sec. 5(a) and (16) Sec. 5(a) are highly controversial in West Virginia. It is my sincere hope that these rivers may be deleted from the present measure until it has been possible to have a reading on the desires of the local citizens.

As previously indicated, I believe the proposed scenic rivers program would be a fine one for the Nation. However, I do not feel it should be imposed on our people who are directly affected and have expressed strong opposition.

Again, I respectfully request the deletion from the proposal at the present time of these items in their entirety until some policy may be determined by the local people themselves as to their desires. After they have been contacted, I should hope I would have permission to return and ask for inclusion of these rivers in the future if such development should warrant.

Mr. TAYLOR. Representative Clark Fisher from Texas.

STATEMENT OF HON. O. C. FISHER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. FISHER. Mr. Chairman, I appear here today to respectfully urge this committee to amend the pending legislation by striking from section 7(a) the Guadalupe River in Texas. That stream has no place in this bill and was evidently inadvertently inserted in it by the Senate committee. I have made some inquiries about it——

Mr. ASPINALL. Just a minute. What bill are you referring to?

Mr. FISHER. I think they are all alike, are they not?

Mr. ASPINALL. No.

Mr. TAYLOR. On H.R. 8416, this would be line 12, page 9.

Mr. FISHER. That is right. It is in the third category so called.

Mr. TAYLOR. It is in the study category.

Mr. FISHER. Am I correct in saying that that is section 7(a)? The bill——

Mr. TAYLOR. Section 5(a) of this bill.