

**STATEMENT OF HON. JOSEPH E. KARTH, A REPRESENTATIVE IN  
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Mr. KARTH. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I am not sure it is good to be on this side of the table from you. We have had many experiences together and I thank you very much for an opportunity to appear.

Mr. TAYLOR. You have been my chairman on another subcommittee and doing an excellent job.

Mr. KARTH. Mr. Chairman, in the interests of time and brevity I am going to submit a prepared statement for the record.

Mr. TAYLOR. In the absence of objection, it will be placed in the record at this point.

Mr. KARTH. I am exceedingly happy my colleague preceding me did the same thing because he was very brief as a result of it. I hope I shall be just as brief.

Mr. Chairman, I appear before you today and share your concern about the St. Croix-Namekagon River, the St. Croix River appearing, of course, in Minnesota and the Namekagon according to this map, as you will see, in the upper reaches of Wisconsin.

Mr. TAYLOR. On H.R. 8416 on page 9, that appears on line 24, the bottom line.

Mr. KARTH. What page, sir?

Mr. TAYLOR. Page 9, line 24.

Mr. KARTH. Yes. I would merely address myself to two important points or two points I at least consider to be important.

One, I would like to suggest if in the committee's wisdom they find it feasible, to include as a wild river immediately, that portion of the St. Croix and Namekagon that is above Taylors Falls, Minn., and to also include in the bill, that portion of the St. Croix between Taylors Falls and its confluence with the Mississippi River, namely the lower St. Croix, as a scenic river or at least include it for study. If I understand H.R. 8416 correctly, the upper reaches of the St. Croix from the Taylors Falls area northward would be included only as a study under this legislation.

I can say, Mr. Chairman, that there has been a great deal of study given to this matter both in Minnesota and Wisconsin and I am hopeful that this committee in their wisdom, would include language similar to that included in the Senate bill as it passed the Senate, which did in fact designate the upper reaches of the St. Croix and the Namekagon as wild river and the lower portion from there southward to its confluence as a scenic river.

Mr. Chairman, one other important point I would like to make to this committee and for whatever help you can be to me, I want you to know I would be most appreciative.

I was just informed the other day that the St. Paul office of the Army Corps of Engineers announced it had transmitted to higher headquarters of the Corps of Engineers for their approval, plans to erect a 100- to 120-foot-high dam above Taylors Falls, Minn. In my opinion, this would negate completely what we are attempting to do in this legislation and what the other body attempted to do in its legislation. Certainly, it would spoil the unparalleled beauty and dam-