

age and despoil this whole river area as a wilderness river. And so if there is any assistance that this committee can be to me and to those of us in Minnesota and Wisconsin who are interested in this project, I would hope that they could make their wishes known to the Corps of Engineers.

Theoretically, Mr. Chairman, the purpose of this dam is to prevent floods in the lower reaches of the St. Croix River, primarily in this area [indicating on map], just east of St. Paul, and from there southward to the confluence of the Mississippi, and while it is true that there have been two or three floods in the last 50 years in that area, primarily damaging some property at Stillwater, Minn., and the immediate adjacent portion of Wisconsin across the river, I understand that the reason for those floods is because of the backup waters from the Mississippi where the confluence takes place, and not because of the waters that came down the St. Croix River. Ice also was a contributing factor, but dam or not, ice will be in the St. Croix every spring.

Mr. TAYLOR. Is the upper portion of the St. Croix River in your district?

Mr. KARTH. No. That is in Congressman Blatnik's district. The lower portion of St. Croix from Taylors Falls southward is part of my district.

Mr. TAYLOR. Do you know what Congressman Blatnik's position is on it?

Mr. KARTH. As far as I know, it is identical with mine.

Mr. TAYLOR. Could you summarize the studies that have been made of this upper section, that is, on either the State level or Federal?

Mr. KARTH. Both the State or local governments and the Federal Government have studied this proposition, I think for at least 2 years, Mr. Chairman. There have been similar studies made by the local communities along the riverway, particularly from the Taylors Falls area southward to the confluence with the Mississippi River. And that is the reason I have suggested that the upper reaches, that is, from Taylors Falls northward and through the Namekagon River area, be designated immediately as wild rivers because I know of no opposition to that and a great deal of support for it. Since there are some conflicts of opinion dealing primarily with zoning regulations from there southward, I would hope that that portion of the St. Croix River could be a scenic river or at least one of those that is studied for scenic river inclusion.

Mr. Chairman, I might say your map here is probably not accurate since we from Minnesota and Wisconsin are particularly interested in making the St. Croix-Namekagon from Taylors Falls northward part of the wild rivers and that part southward to the confluence, a scenic river or that a study be made of the feasibility of that section being included in the scenic rivers bill. Your map indicates that H.R. 8416 includes all of the St. Croix as a wild river and it just doesn't do that.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any of the members any questions?

The gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SAYLOR. I would like to take this opportunity to commend you for introducing the legislation and for the presentation you made here this morning. I am delighted to hear your analysis of what has caused the floods and that you have probably put your finger on the cause of the floods in the area.