

60 million acre wilderness area where absolutely nothing except looking would be permitted is the first one to now propose that a dam be built in a wilderness area in his State. It is not just a matter of local.

I do not want to put the gentleman on the spot. One of my great worries in all proposals of this kind, Mr. Fraser, is this. It is difficult to interpret the motives of an area or of an individual or a community, and so often we have had people coming in with the pure white robe of conservation who were not interested in conservation at all but in building dollar recreation business or in providing a spot where someone might build a pleasant home for the summer or for permanent residence, and I think that this is a good point in this deliberation to point out that if we are setting up a wild river, a scenic river proposition, so far as I am concerned, it is completely and totally for the purpose of conserving and preserving the natural values that are there and we should not even consider this business of recreational development, and so on, that must go with it.

I thank the gentleman for being so kind.

Mr. FRASER. If I may just comment, I do not think we have any disagreement. All I am saying is that the lower part of the St. Croix now has substantial summer home development. I do not think that has to be reversed in order to preserve its character, but the problem is where do we go from here.

Mr. KYL. But, if we do acquire more land, we are going to have to acquire some places where there are industrial plants or homes, et cetera, et cetera, if we are going to improve the natural quality of the river.

Mr. FRASER. Well, it may be that certain selective takings of that kind might be required in the future. I do not now know of any that would be required but those situations may unfold.

Mr. KYL. Well, the bill itself, as you know, studies the matter of condemnation for acquisition, and makes certain other very strong suggestions, at least that there will have to be some private property purchased which might find the owner a pretty unwilling individual. I know we have no disagreement on this. I do thank the gentleman.

Mr. FRASER. I do think the power of condemnation may be useful, because if it cannot be acquired by donation or purchase, some areas need to be acquired that will give more public access so that they do not just read about the fact that there is a scenic valley but they are actually able to go and participate in it.

Mr. KYL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. TAYLOR. Do you have any information as to what your proposal would cost?

Mr. FRASER. I do not, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. Let me ask you this question. If you do not, do you care?

Mr. KARTH. Mr. Chairman, may I respond? I think it was in the neighborhood of 20—

Mr. ASPINALL. I want Mr. Fraser to answer the question because this is very pertinent at this time. It is all right to come up here and talk about what we want, but what is the taxpayer going to have to pay for it? Pardon me for interrupting.

Mr. FRASER. Yes, sir. Well, I should have estimates for you because I think you are right in saying that anybody who recommends this