

This legislation is an attempt to strike that balance between economic growth and the American heritage of beautiful, free-flowing rivers and streams.

Among the leading contenders for selection as National Scenic Rivers, one is in my District of Middle-Tennessee. To state the matter mildly, I fully support its inclusion for preservation as a Scenic River. It is the Buffalo of Tennessee.

I will leave to the very able delegations from the Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association and the Tennessee citizens for Wilderness Planning the detailed presentation of the Buffalo's qualifications. Its formal credentials are impressive. Long regarded by all who have known it as the classic float stream, it was studied in detail by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and was highly recommended as a scenic river by that agency. The 84th General Assembly of Tennessee, in Senate Joint Resolution No. 24, 1965, highly recommended the Buffalo as a scenic float river and offered the assistance of various State agencies in carrying out a program for its development as a National Scenic River. Few rivers in America could be as deserving of preservation, and have as widespread recommendation as the Buffalo. With head waters in Lawrence County, it flows through Lewis, Wayne, Perry and Humphreys Counties before joining the Duck. I have personally inspected much of the length of this lovely waterway which is already popular with sportsmen, campers, canoeists and artists alike, and can make in its behalf a sincere personal recommendation.

I must further commend to the attention of the Committee two other unusually wild and beautiful streams in Tennessee for consideration in the category of rivers to be studied for possible future participation. Unlike the Buffalo both the Obed and the South Fork of Cumberland are deep gorge rivers. Both feature magnificently forested wilderness areas, outstanding fishing resources, and swift, clear waters. Due to the excellence of their qualifications, though both rivers are outside my District, I endorse their consideration for detailed study.

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STATEMENT OF HON. CLARENCE J. BROWN, JR., A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO

Mr. TAYLOR. We welcome you before our subcommittee.

Mr. BROWN. It is a pleasure to be with you.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee: It is a pleasure to be able to appear before you today in support of a cause which has not only great nationwide support, but which is so popular and extremely desirable in my own district, the Seventh of Ohio.

I am here today to testify not only in support of scenic rivers legislation generally, but more importantly, to urge you to include the Little Miami of Ohio in any scenic rivers legislation which you may report.

I say that my testimony in favor of the Little Miami is more important than that in favor of scenic rivers legislation only because I feel it has become generally recognized that legislation in this area is so desirable.

I do not feel that I need spend much time on the urgency and importance of establishing a scenic rivers system. Nor am I really here to testify in favor of any one of the legislative proposals over another, but rather to explain why we in Ohio feel that the Little Miami should be, at the very least, included in the program for study.

I. WHY SCENIC RIVERS?

The need for sufficient recreational areas to meet the needs of our rapidly expanding population, largely concentrated in huge urban areas, is well chronicled. Population estimates tell us that our numbers may double by the year 2000.