

Finally, I would like to see the Little Miami included because the people of that region want it included, the local agencies want it included, and the State wants it included. The Federal government would be participating in a partnership rather than meeting continuing opposition. I am pleased to report that the State of Ohio has already passed scenic rivers legislation; and yesterday evening I received a telegram from Fred Morr, Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, that he intends to name the Little Miami to the state system. This Federal legislation will clearly be met by state and local interest.

Mr. Chairman, the Little Miami may not be as wild as the rivers of the West, but I do not think it is fair to limit wild rivers to western rivers, or rivers outside of convenient travel time from large population centers. The Little Miami is as wild as rivers flow in Ohio and is still in its natural state. The north central region of the United States seems to contain few of the rivers suggested for inclusion. I think that the people of Ohio should be given the opportunity to participate in this much needed program, and if the Little Miami is not included now, it may be too late.

Mr. TAYLOR. We now welcome before our committee Senator Gaylord Nelson.

**STATEMENT OF HON. GAYLORD NELSON, A U.S. SENATOR IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**

Mr. TAYLOR. Senator Nelson, it is a pleasure to have you with us.

Senator NELSON. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I have a statement here which I would like to submit for the record.

Mr. TAYLOR. In the absence of objection, the statement will be made a part of the record at this point.

Senator NELSON. There are some negotiations, as you know, going on about Northern States Power's holdings on the upper St. Croix. If the chairman has no objection, I might wish to submit a brief further statement in writing on some of those points, when they are clarified, if the committee records will be held open for a while.

Mr. TAYLOR. The record will be kept open in order that the Senator may put in this additional statement.

Senator NELSON. Mr. Chairman, I wasn't here—I was over in the Senate because we have got some business pending and some votes pending—so I didn't have a chance to listen to the testimony of Congressman Fraser, Congressman Reuss, and Congressman Karth, who preceded me.

I am well aware that these gentlemen are familiar with the St. Croix River, and that Congressman Reuss is very familiar with the Wolf. I don't see any point in my burdening you with any comments on the Wolf. I think Congressman Reuss presented it as well as anybody, and I won't add anything to the record.

I won't go into all the details of the St. Croix because I know you have already covered many of them. I will try to cover a couple of points that may or may not have been touched upon.

Senator Mondale is associated with the manager of the bill that is pending in the Senate and could not leave the floor to come over here, and he asked to be associated with my remarks about the pending legislation, and about the St. Croix River.

First, just as a general proposition, I feel that the concept of developing a wild rivers system and a scenic rivers system is a very good, creative contribution to dealing with some of our resource problems.

East of the Mississippi River there aren't any wild rivers in the true sense of the word, excepting some small streams here and there and