

of February 18, Congressmen Saylor and Dingell introduced scenic river bills on the 10th of January, in the first session of this Congress.

Mr. Saylor's bill in the 89th Congress and his bill of this year were, I believe, the first bills to turn from the term "wild rivers" to "scenic rivers."

Senator Church reintroduced the bill as it passed the Senate, and in due course last August the Senate again passed a bill by unanimous vote. There is a slight error in the testimony. It indicates the vote was 72 to 0. I am told it was 84 to 0.

That bill is before you today.

Prior to this, however, Mr. Aspinall, after, I am sure, the most careful consideration of all the various pending proposals, introduced H.R. 8416 in April.

H.R. 6166, which Mr. Reuss sponsored, is the bill identical to the one submitted by the administration. For purposes of simplicity, I will refer to it as Mr. Reuss' bill, although sometimes this is objected to by members. I notice he did not indicate it was introduced by request. So I hope he would not object to my referring to it in that manner.

Therefore, the four bills that to me appear to be the major bills before the committee are the chairman's bill, Mr. Saylor's bill, the Senate-passed bill, and Mr. Reuss' bill. They are all different in various aspects.

I call those major bills, without any intent to play down the various other bills that are before you, or the bills that relate to individual rivers.

Then on page 4 of my testimony, I list what we believe to be the major documents before this committee insofar as they emanate from the Interior Department. The first item which I list is the Secretary's letter of February 18, 1967, which submitted the administration bill.

Although the letter to Mr. Aspinall of August 14 which is in the record, was dated a few days after the Senate action of August 9, it was under preparation some time before. As a consequence, the administration has not expressed a position of preference between S. 119 as it passed the Senate and the various pending House bills. I hope to indicate some of those major differences, and can answer questions on those differences.

Mr. ASPINALL. Let me understand what you mean, Doctor. You mean that although the Secretary or the administration has not taken any position upon these differences, you wish to point them out to us?

Mr. CRAFTS. That is correct.

Mr. ASPINALL. But you do not wish to take any position on them?

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes, I think I can take a position on them, Mr. Aspinall.

Mr. ASPINALL. All right.

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes.

Mr. TAYLOR. Go ahead.

Mr. CRAFTS. The attachment to my testimony which is of some length follows the last page of the text, page 17. It is a summary of the major differences between these four bills. We have an index of the subject matter covered, which may be helpful for reference purposes. When we get to the question and answer part, I will probably be re-