

for leadership. I think that if the Federal Government would establish a moderate system, that the States might follow along. There is provision in one or more of these bills for the States to do this. It encourages them in this regard. The State rivers can be added into the national system with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. Their work can be aided by the Land and Water Fund work.

The States did not establish a system to my knowledge of State wilderness areas. There are some exceptions, but the States with major systems of State forests in this country I believe postdated the initial creation of a National Forest System. There are some exceptions, I know. I think that pollution-wise and impoundment-wise, there is a need for a national system.

Mr. ASPINALL. But if the States, in cooperation with the Federal Government, establish the antipollution measures that it is intended they establish, then you can remove pollution as far as the rivers are concerned from this program; isn't that right?

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes.

Mr. ASPINALL. All right. I think we should keep that in mind.

Now, is there any particular value to the size of a river for it being established as a scenic river?

Mr. CRAFTS. You mean the length, the width?

Mr. ASPINALL. Either one.

Mr. CRAFTS. You need to have enough to see that it doesn't lose the character which you are attempting to establish, otherwise it might be so small that it is eaten away by attrition.

Take—maybe this is not a good example, but you are going to be out looking at this pretty quick—the Tall Trees unit of the Redwoods. There is no point in the world in my judgment to establish the Tall Trees unit of the Redwoods as a separate unit disconnected all by itself and give it a national status, because it can blow down, a fire can hit it—it is too small.

So I think the same thing applies here. You need to have a large new unit to be able to be assured that it, I guess you would call it the ecology, or the forces of nature won't, by attrition, destroy what you are trying to establish. That is all the bigger it needs to be.

Mr. ASPINALL. Well, I think perhaps the Cottonwood River of Arizona is a beautiful little stream, a scenic part of the area, which should be established. No one here suggested to bring in the Cottonwood River of Arizona—it goes from Flagstaff on south—or says that it be a part of the river system. My friend from Pennsylvania suggested that the Yampa perhaps be made a part of the scenic river system in Colorado.

Mr. CRAFTS. Well, there are parts—I know a little bit about Arizona. Nobody suggested that the river down through Oak Creek Canyon, which is the most scenic river in Arizona, be established, either.

The Salt River up above the head of Roosevelt Lake I think was proposed for study in one of them—it runs up into the Apache Indian Reservation—and that is an extremely scenic and attractive river, particularly in its upper areas. As to the lower parts of the Gila and the Salt, I cannot see it, because a lot of times there is no water there, and so on.

But that Oak Creek Canyon area, certainly it meets the qualifica-