

Now, that money you figure would be available also as the lands are acquired in that 5-year period—would you be able to develop this?

Mr. CRAFTS. Well, the first thing that would be necessary, with respect to lands administered by the Park Service—their customary procedure is to develop what they call a master plan for the area. I would expect that that could be done. They would be dependent upon development money for appropriations in the normal process from the Treasury. I have one of the assistant directors of the Park Service sitting right behind me, Mr. Swem, under whose jurisdiction this would come.

Do you care to elaborate on this any?

Mr. SWEM. I do not think further elaboration is in order. That would be the procedure, that we would make a detailed master plan study of the river involved. It happens in the case of the St. Croix River we have completed a detailed study, and we are right now firming up our master plan recommendations. This is not true of the other rivers. We have not done this on the Wolf River.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. On the St. Croix, you anticipate you would make the development on the river as well as acquire the land, the necessary easements, and then lease back these facilities to the private holders of the land on the St. Croix?

Mr. CRAFTS. You are speaking of Northern States Power?

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Yes.

Mr. CRAFTS. We just do not know, Mr. Johnson. We just plain do not know. We have either our solicitor or associate solicitor out there today, and we do not know what he is coming back with in the way of a proposal. This thing is very much in a state of flux with respect to that particular piece of property on the St. Croix.

The effort there, the intent there, is for the company to take some action which will reduce the cost to the public, and yet at the same time not surrender such rights as it feels that it must retain. We have to decide whether we can get sufficient control that we feel we must have to carry out the intent of the act. Whether the two parties can come together, I just do not know.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Well, that is the way I understood the Senator this morning—even to the extent of tax considerations to the company, looking forward to being able to use as far as their agreements with the Government.

And I was amazed to find out that this particular river is the furthest one ahead in the master plan. Do I understand that you people have actually studied this for a master plan, and you have it ready to submit?

Mr. SWEM. We hope to soon have it ready; yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. What is the progress on the other rivers that are in the bill under the Aspinall bill—the Clearwater, the Rio Grande, the Rogue, and the Salmon? How far are you along with those?

This St. Croix is not in the Aspinall bill, but it is in the administration's bill, was in the Saylor bill, and in the Reuss bill. Of course the Reuss bill is the administration's bill.

Mr. CRAFTS. Well—

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Who picked the priority for—

Mr. CRAFTS. I might say, Mr. Chairman, on the Aspinall bill, the Department of Agriculture would administer the Clearwater, Interior