

would administer the Rio Grande, and the other two, the Salmon and the Rogue, would be as agreed upon between the two Secretaries, or as directed by the President.

However, the Department of Agriculture in its report on H.R. 8416 recommends an amendment which gives the Secretary of Agriculture administration of the Salmon. The Department of the Interior concurs in this recommendation. So, if the Congress adopts that amendment, the Rogue is the only river which at this stage we do not know who would administer.

Mr. KYL. Will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Yes.

Mr. KYL. Is it not true that we have studied the 180 miles as completely as any other river that we have contemplated for inclusion in this bill?

Mr. CRAFTS. I would say that the St. Croix perhaps more. But other than that, I think your statement is correct.

Mr. KYL. I might add at this point, if the gentleman from California will yield for just one further remark, that in the case of this stretch of the Missouri River, the gentleman from Iowa spent a year getting an agreement on all phases of legislation necessary to include it in some kind of preservation like this, from all of the interests he could find in the State in which it is located.

Mr. CRAFTS. I might say, Mr. Kyl, I think it was before you came in this afternoon I spoke a little bit about this river, and maybe one of our problems on why it was not in—not on merit, but on the fact that we received a directive, and it was that formal resolution and directive from the Senate Interior Committee, as you well know, to study this river again. This time it was from Fort Benton, Mont., to Yankton, S. Dak. This study will be completed in about a month.

On this stretch of the river, while this has not gone through the Bureau of the Budget yet—I am speaking of Interior's posture—the only substantive difference that we might have with you on this bill, to the best of my knowledge, is on the length—whether to extend it into the game range, and whether to stop it at Virgelle or thereabouts.

Mr. KYL. This would be a kind of in-house administrative difficulty.

Mr. CRAFTS. Well, it is not in-house within Interior. It is how we are going to come down, and we could not very well come down until we have completed our study, which is just around the corner. I do not know how soon this committee might take action, but I expect if this is the situation as you describe, I at least would make every effort to try to get an Interior position on this up to the committee for its consideration.

Now, I cannot tell you offhand—do any of you know the estimated cost of the acquisition of this river?

I do not have that figure in mind. We would have to get it. It is easy enough to get.

But on the merit of the river stretch, on what you plan widthwise, on what the general indications are with respect to management, we are in accord with you.

Mr. KYL. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. To put it another way, I presume the National Park Service is the logical agency to make the master plan