

Mr. McCLURE. Now, in connection with this compromise, and taking the strip, the relationship of this to a wilderness concept, is it your intention or desire to regulate grazing, for instance, within this strip?

Mr. CRAFTS. Yes. And it is not a wilderness, sir, unless it is in a wilderness area. In a wilderness, under the terms of the Wilderness Act—the intention is that grazing would be permitted to continue, but not overgrazing. The intention is that the occasional ranch along the river would be allowed to stay, unless it turned into a honkytonk or something of that sort. The intention is that controlled timber harvesting would be permitted—this type of thing.

Mr. McCLURE. You also mentioned in your statement a moment ago that it was designed primarily to maintain the status quo.

Mr. CRAFTS. Well, the status quo within limits—the status quo where it is still pretty good. I am not trying to duck you. I am trying to be as responsive as I can.

Mr. McCLURE. I realize that.

In response to the gentleman's question a moment ago, in regard to the cabins along the banks, you indicated in some instances those cabins might have to be removed.

Mr. CRAFTS. This particular stretch of the St. Croix I have not seen, the lower stretch. But I have seen some of the lakes in the Middle West. I was born and raised there. On those lakes, it is not just an occasional cabin—it is one cabin right after another. It is just solid real estate development all the way around the river.

Now in this case, there really is no point of putting that in the system.

Mr. McCLURE. If it were to be included in the system, it would imply the removal of the cabins through purchase or condemnation.

Mr. CRAFTS. Certainly the removal of enough of them, because there is no point in doing it—that type of situation shouldn't be in the system.

Mr. McCLURE. Do you have—

Mr. CRAFTS. But the occasional cabin, like we are talking about, on some of the western rivers, you go along the Salmon, any of them, the Klamath—you will get an occasional cabin, an occasional ranch, an occasional irrigated valley along the river. This type of thing I think would be allowed to stay. This doesn't bother the natural environment concept. But just continuous summer homes, one right after another, this is something else.

Mr. McCLURE. Of course, I think I would be less candid than you have been if I did not confess at this point that many people in my State are concerned about the very fact that this kind of authority is vested in the discretion of a public official.

Mr. CRAFTS. I am well aware of that. I don't have any answers to that. I don't know how you handle this. You give us such directions and provisions as you wish. You can put limitations on us, give us legislative history. There has to be some confidence, some mutuality of confidence between the executive and legislative branches on all pieces of legislation I am trying to build a legislative history here in response to Mr. Kyl's questions, in response to yours, that would help to clarify this.