

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. Witmer, do you have any questions?

Mr. WITMER. I think at this late hour, no.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. We tried to hold on here so that we could release Mr. Crafts and his people, so that they can get away.

I, too, want to say, Dr. Crafts, I appreciate your staying with us here today. It's been a hard day. You have certainly answered all the questions. Each one of us has had something in particular we are interested in. All of us have an interest in the scenic rivers system that will be set up.

I want to thank you and your people for coming here today, and the chairman of the full committee will probably make a decision on whether we want you to come back.

Mr. CRAFTS. We would be happy to come back at any time. Thank you for your courtesy.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. I have a letter here from a Mr. James Richard Wolf to Hon. John P. Saylor, in connection with Congressman Saylor's bill, H.R. 90. The gentleman from Pennsylvania would like to have this placed in the record. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

(The letter follows:)

PITTSBURGH, PA.,
February 26, 1968.

Hon. JOHN P. SAYLOR,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN SAYLOR: I understand that your H.R. 90 Scenic Rivers bill is scheduled for hearings in the near future. The bill is an example of the best long-range conservation planning.

You may be interested to know that the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania, of which I am currently president, has recently started canoe outings for bird observations and pleasant recreation, and this has generated considerable enthusiasm. We need to preserve the few priceless waterways that are still worthy of real enjoyment.

One river which I know personally is the Cacapon in West Virginia, a stream of gentle rapids and great botanical interest. The flowering dogwood and redbud are gorgeous in the spring and repay the paddler many times. Both the Cacapon and the Shenandoah should definitely be designated as scenic rivers even though they were ill-advisedly dropped from the Senate version.

From my own experience in West Virginia I would have no hesitation in having the Cheat (see the *Life* article last December) and the Potomac designated immediately. The former provides an exciting challenge to the accomplished canoeist; and the Potomac is known not only for its white water but also for the grandeur of the Trough near Romney.

The Youghiogheny's recreational development over the past several years demonstrates the tremendous increase in canoeing interest that is bound to be duplicated whenever the opportunity is preserved near population centers. Thousands must shoot the rapids near Ohlpye each year.

The Susquehanna raises a special problem, and I would appreciate your comments. I have studied the proposed Interstate Compact and have suggested that it be amended to give explicit recognition to scenic rivers values. This has not been done to the best of my knowledge, and it therefore seems desirable to include a special provision in your bill that would enable scenic river decisions to be implemented even though they might run counter to the industrial development plans that an interstate commission might propose. The West Branch presently affords exceptional opportunities for long-distance canoeing in a land of forests, fields, and mountains and we should save this part of our Pennsylvania heritage.