

In our judgment that should be the time to make the essential determinations which can then be tailored to the characteristics and potentials of the individual river.

These characteristics would, among other things, include the physical topography of the valley, population pressures, development pressures, existing land and water use which may or may not lend themselves to scenic or other types of easements, and also the ability and extent of cooperation to be expected from local jurisdictions.

If I could summarize our whole attitude toward the chairman's bill, we think that it gives the kind of flexibility that is necessary for a system that will really work in all parts of the country, and actually accomplish the objectives which I think we are all after.

It provides that these things must be fully studied before they are included, and I think this is absolutely essential to enactment of really meaningful legislation. I think that the opposition, and you will hear much more of it in your subsequent hearings, is going to come from people who are concerned because they don't know, they have not had specific proposals put before them. They are broad generalities, and they are fearful, they are suspicious, and just like any other human being, they will oppose when this is the case. So we strongly support the idea of the agencies coming in with very specific and detailed plans which Congress and the public can consider.

Mr. Chairman, my statement is long, and I won't try to go further.

I would just point out that I have deliberately refrained from putting in a plug for a long list of rivers which are very close to my heart, or a still longer list which could be compiled from the wishes of league membership and other conservationists, but I just didn't see that that would be a useful function for me today.

We thank you very much.

Mr. TAYLOR. We commend the gentleman for a very fine statement. I think we have 5 minutes time remaining, about a minute apiece for us.

Do you favor the flexibility provided in H.R. 8416 in preference to the other bills?

Mr. PENFOLD. Yes, sir. I think H.R. 8416 goes far in this direction.

Mr. TAYLOR. You have no objection to adding certain sections of the St. Croix River and the Wolf River if it goes in the action stage?

Mr. PENFOLD. I left this out of my statement, Mr. Chairman. I would like very much to see one or more rivers which are ready added to the instant category.

Mr. TAYLOR. Yes.

Mr. PENFOLD. In the east, so that we can begin to get specific experience. It is my understanding that the St. Croix-Namekagon has perhaps been the most thoroughly studied of any of them up to this point.

The Allagash and the Wolf offer separate kinds of opportunities which I think would be useful, if they could be put in in the first instance.

Mr. TAYLOR. Why would you recommend placing the wild rivers and natural environment rivers in two different categories? I mean to me they are very similar.