

Mr. PENFOLD. Well, I don't think they are exactly similar, and I made this point with respect to the withdrawal of minerals which H.R. 8416 provides for wild rivers. This is a very, very important distinction between a wild river and a natural environment river.

Mr. TAYLOR. What is that distinction?

Mr. PENFOLD. The distinction is, one, the mining laws are prohibited and in the other the mining laws would be continued, but under regulations that would serve to protect the scenic values.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, I just wish to commend Mr. Penfold once again for the fine and constructive work that he has done on many bills, especially upon this one, as is shown by his comments to the chairman and his diagnosis of the bill, which I think is one of the best we could possibly get before this committee.

Mr. TAYLOR. Have any other members questions?

The gentleman from California.

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. Penfold, I understood you to say that you recommend the Allagash and the St. Croix and the Wolf come into the scenic rivers system.

Mr. PENFOLD. The Allagash presents the best opportunity right now for a State managed area to come into the scenic rivers system.

The Wolf River, well, we don't know what is going to happen but perhaps the State of Wisconsin will come in with a specific request for this.

If so, fine. This is another example.

The Namekagon, or St. Croix, is perhaps of the eastern rivers the one which could most closely meet the criteria of specific information which the committee would require.

Mr. JOHNSON. They would be a part of the national?

Mr. PENFOLD. That is right.

Mr. JOHNSON. The national scenic rivers system?

Mr. PENFOLD. Yes, sir.

Mr. JOHNSON. They would not remain under the operational jurisdiction of the States?

Mr. PENFOLD. The Allagash would remain under the operation and administration of the State.

Mr. JOHNSON. In the Wolf River, a portion of that is now under State operation and maintenance, as I understand it, and a portion is within the Indian reservation there in the Indian country, and owned by the Indians in the State of Wisconsin. That is yet to be agreed upon.

Mr. PENFOLD. That might be a combination of the two.

Mr. JOHNSON. Of the two?

Mr. PENFOLD. Part of it State, part of it national.

Mr. JOHNSON. Now, the St. Croix, the upper reaches there, you advocate that this be a publicly acquired scenic river.

Mr. PENFOLD. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. Placed in the system.

Mr. PENFOLD. Yes.

Mr. JOHNSON. That is all.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any other questions?

Counsel has a question.

Mr. WITMER. Just one short one, Mr. Chairman, if I may.