

streams proposed for interim protection and study in H.R. 90 plus the Chattooga River in North Carolina and South Carolina and the Illinois River in Oregon as additionally named in H.R. 8416. Following the principle written into the Wilderness Act, time limits should be prescribed for completion of the studies, and the reports thereon to Congress, by the executive branch.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the views of the National Audubon Society.

Mr. TAYLOR. We thank you for a very clear and definite statement. You state that you prefer the provisions of H.R. 8416 and H.R. 90, either or both, to the Senate bill.

Mr. CALLISON. That is correct, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. I notice you also recommend that we place in the so-called instant stage all of the 16 rivers listed in H.R. 90 for that purpose.

Mr. CALLISON. That is our recommendation, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. Are you of the opinion that sufficient study has been made on each of these?

Mr. CALLISON. I do not know, sir, probably not, but we would strongly recommend that you put as many in as the committee feels it has information on.

Mr. TAYLOR. Should we put it in if a sufficient study has not been made? Would that be your position?

Mr. CALLISON. No, it wouldn't, sir, if this is the position of the committee.

Mr. TAYLOR. Were you here yesterday when the Congressman from Arkansas testified against the Eleven Point River section in Arkansas?

Mr. CALLISON. No, I wasn't, but I have long familiarity with the Eleven Point River. I grew up in the State of Missouri and cut my eyeteeth in the conservation game with the Missouri Conservation Department, and later as the executive secretary of that State's conservation federation, and I well remember the fights with the Army Engineers over the Eleven Point River.

I hope, sir, that the action of this committee in determining which rivers should go into this bill in either the instant category or the study category will be on the basis of the streams that deserve to be in this system, and not on the basis of those that are controversial. Many good things are controversial, but the country does deserve a well-rounded national scenic rivers system with the best of the remaining unspoiled streams in it, whether in the West, the Midwest, or the East.

Mr. TAYLOR. But you would recommend that we listen to all the groups involved in the controversy?

Mr. CALLISON. Indeed, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. Understand their contentions and their positions?

Mr. CALLISON. That is right.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Would you give to us, Mr. Callison, a list of those 16 in priorities, one, two, three, four, five, right on down the line as to the ones you think should come first, because I can tell you very frankly you are not going to get all 16.

Mr. CALLISON. I know that, Mr. Chairman.