

Susquehanna, New York and Pennsylvania: The segment of the Susquehanna River from a dam at Cooperstown, New York, downstream to the town of Pittston, Pennsylvania.

I believe that all of the foregoing listed rivers have been adequately studied, or that studies concerning them are now near enough to completion, by the agencies of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture to warrant their being placed at this time in the national scenic rivers system.

The National Audubon Society also reiterates its recommendation that a longer list of study streams be listed in the bill and given the kind of interim protection proposed in Mr. Aspinwall's H.R. 8416 or Mr. Saylor's H.R. 90.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES H. CALLISON,
Executive Vice President.

MR. ASPINALL. I do want you to understand that the provision in the wilderness bill relative to studies of the primitive areas has not worked out satisfactorily, that the Department is behind time at the present time, and it is understandable that they are, and even the work that they have done on some of those that they think are ready has been superficial. What we want for this committee, when we begin to study these wilderness programs that are to be authorized, is complete studies.

This is what is bothersome when someone asks for the whole pie and the whole pie is not available, because it has to be divided up and it has to be completely baked before it is edible.

MR. CALLISON. May I comment on that, Mr. Aspinall?

MR. ASPINALL. Yes.

MR. CALLISON. I know the studies are behind schedule under the Wilderness Act, and I am as unhappy about that as anyone is, and probably more unhappy than many. But I think they would have been even further behind had not the schedule been written into the legislation, and I doubt that they would have been as complete as they are had not that schedule been written into the legislation.

MR. ASPINALL. I think you are right, Mr. Callison, but I want you to know this, that if that formula hadn't been put there and it was the formula of this committee, if that formula hadn't been put there, there would have been a great clamor for the designation of wilderness areas that were a long way from being in a position to be considered by Congress. So I don't take offense that they are behind. I do think that this is a good provision in the bill.

That is all.

MR. TAYLOR. Are there other questions?

MR. CALLISON, thank you very much.

MR. CALLISON. Thank you, sir.

MR. TAYLOR. On our list of witnesses we have listed the National Recreation and Park Association.

Would you state your names, please?

MR. THOMPSON. I am Ben Thompson, executive secretary of the National Conference on State Parks, which is a branch of the National Recreation Park Association. And I would also like to have with me Mr. Barry Tindall on the staff of the association.

MR. TAYLOR. We welcome you both before the committee. Will you proceed?