

But I think this study should be limited, not one of these drawn out for several years; maybe 6 months or a year.

Mr. TAYLOR. Is pollution a problem now? The river does go through other areas.

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Chairman, I would say "No," sir; pollution is not an area. I cosponsored the best antipollution bill backing it with the money that is in these United States, which is State law, and it includes the Suwannee River.

Mr. TAYLOR. Do you have protection then by State on pollution?

Mr. GIBSON. Yes, sir; the best in the United States.

Mr. TAYLOR. I recognize the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Fuqua.

Mr. FUQUA. We, as already mentioned, come under the Water Pollution Control Act.

Mr. TAYLOR. Yes.

The gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Two questions. This is an interstate river, and accordingly the U.S. Government has certain responsibilities and obligations. What guarantees do the people of the United States have that this river will be maintained for the use of all the people of the United States?

Mr. BROWN. Through private development and State development like Manatee State Park, Hart Springs, that is 180 acres of camping area that belongs to the county of Gilchrist.

Mr. ASPINALL. Some people, perhaps, are not in the position to pay for some of these expensive items.

Mr. BROWN. Gilchrist County, sir, is free. There is no charge whatsoever. It is paid for by the people of Gilchrist County. They have excellent recreational facilities on beautiful springs.

Mr. ASPINALL. You have some public grounds?

Mr. BROWN. I say it is all public, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. All public?

Mr. BROWN. Manatee.

Mr. GIBSON. Mr. Chairman, Mr. Aspinall, yes, this river originates in Georgia and where it originates is owned by the Federal Government, is under the Federal Government control, and the very small area between what the Federal Government owns at the inception of the river plus our antipollution controls could cause absolutely no problem to the public or the people of the United States.

Mr. ASPINALL. One of your distinguished citizens of Florida bears my name.

Mr. GIBSON. It is a wonderful name, thank you, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. Now, Senator, this is directed to you or to the lady: Why has there been such a movement by various people of the United States to have the Suwannee River included in the scenic river classification? I just want a very short answer.

Mrs. SHIFFLETTE. In the first place the Suwannee River is famous; Stephen Foster made it famous, so the people all over the country are acquainted with it.

Second, they don't understand the character of the river. They don't understand the river already has an established diversified unique character of its own which is being preserved by the State and the counties and private enterprise.