

your testimony and to endorse the inclusion of the Buffalo, Obed, and South Fork Rivers in a scenic rivers system.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT GORE.

Colonel BLACK. Thank you, sir.

We recommend, and when I say we, the three organizations from Tennessee, that three rivers in Tennessee be included initially in the national system of scenic rivers and those are the Buffalo in middle Tennessee, the Obed River in the Cumberland Mountains in east Tennessee, south fork of the Cumberland, also in east Tennessee, and Kentucky with its tributaries.

I will not in view of the shortness of time try to bring our maps forward, but we do have with us maps back there plotting out these rivers and we will leave them there.

Our Congressman from the Sixth District, Congressman William R. Anderson, who, as you know, of course, introduced the bill quite a long time ago, which would include the Buffalo River, wanted to be with us this morning but House business precludes it. We will invite attention to the fact that in the statement submitted by Congressman Anderson he also endorses the Obed and the South Fork of the Cumberland.

I think about the only other thing I want to say and then Mrs. Russell, Dr. Liane Russell, has some details to give you, is this: That we, and again I say the three organizations, in Tennessee, we are for dams, we are for industry, and we are for progress, but we are also for a reasonable number of free-flowing, reasonably natural rivers. I think I will turn over now the remainder of our time to Dr. Liane Russell.

(Statement of Colonel Black follows:)

STATEMENT OF COL. CLAUDE A. BLACK, U.S. ARMY, RETIRED, BOARD OF ADVISORS,
TENNESSEE SCENIC RIVERS ASSOCIATION

The active and intensive interest that Tennesseans in citizen and government organization have shown in recent years in the preservation of the State's scenic rivers has culminated in the drafting of a State scenic rivers bill (House Bill No. 1333, "The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Act of 1968") which was introduced last month into both houses of the Tennessee General Assembly. A joint open hearing before the conservation committees of House and Senate was held on March 6. Two days ago, March 12, the bill was referred to the Calendar Committee and a vote in the House is expected on March 19 or soon thereafter.

The Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association in cooperation with the Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning spearheaded the drive which led to the drafting of this bill and its introduction by the Honorable J. William Pope, Jr. The bill classifies the river areas, designates rivers or sections of rivers for immediate inclusion in the system, and prescribes procedures for their protection and administration and for the addition of new components to the system.

Regardless of the bill's immediate fate, the experience gained in drafting the legislation, and the information obtained in evaluating Tennessee's rivers, may be of some help to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation in its deliberations on the role of the States and in its decisions on Tennessee rivers in particular. The following suggestions are offered:

1. As far as possible, rivers in a State scenic rivers system should be given the same protection from Federal agencies as rivers in the national system.
2. This should apply to any rivers placed in a study category as well as to those designated for immediate inclusion in the system.
3. All Federal watershed planning should include a thorough study and evaluation of the scenic values of the streams in the watershed.