

The passage of legislation similar to that of H.R. 90 would preserve important parts of our scenic heritage. We wish to thank the Subcommittee for this opportunity to offer testimony.

Mr. TAYLOR. Are these rivers in the TVA water control system?

Mrs. RUSSELL. The Buffalo and the Obed are. The Big South Fork is not.

Mr. TAYLOR. Do you know what the attitude of the TVA is in regard to adding this in this legislation?

Mrs. RUSSELL. I may say the Buffalo, the TVA has expressed its desire last year to administer the Buffalo as a scenic river in conjunction with the State of Tennessee. As far as the Obed is concerned the TVA has recently completed feasibility studies of a dam on the Obed and has found it to be nonfeasible, that the benefits would be only 60 percent of the estimated costs. This was in a press release last week.

Mr. TAYLOR. Did you wish to add something?

Colonel BLACK. Yes, sir.

The South Fork of the Cumberland has to do with the Devil Jump Dam. That is in Scott and Morgan Counties. The part of the river affected is in Tennessee which is in the district of Congressman John Duncan, of the Second Tennessee District.

We were in his office just a little while ago and Congressman Duncan authorized us to say—he could not get here this morning—that in his opinion dams do not constitute the best use for either the South Fork of the Cumberland or of the Obed. He thinks there are better uses, and he does not think that Devil Jump Dam will be built for quite a long time yet.

Mr. TAYLOR. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Will you ask the Congressman to get a letter in to us to that effect?

Colonel BLACK. Yes, sir, we will.

Mr. TAYLOR. And we will be glad to have a letter in which he expresses his opinion.

Colonel BLACK. We will be glad to do that, yes, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Colorado.

Mr. ASPINALL. Mrs. Russell, you recommend first that these rivers be placed in the immediate category of scenic rivers and then you say that, if that can't be done, they shall be placed in the study provisions?

Mrs. RUSSELL. That is right.

Mr. ASPINALL. I understand from what you have stated then that you have studied what the cost of this would be to the Federal Government. This is bothering us a great deal as we study these proposals. What is the cost as you understand it?

Mrs. RUSSELL. We have a cost estimate on the Obed system and the Big South Fork of the Cumberland.

Mr. ASPINALL. You may furnish it for the record.

Mrs. RUSSELL. Yes, sir.

Mr. ASPINALL. I just want to know what you have got.

Thank you very much.

I ask it be made a part of the record.

Mr. TAYLOR. Without objection it will be made a part of the record.
(Data referred to above follows:)