

created problems which somehow take away from scenic recreational value of that area?

Mr. QUICK. No. No. We are making this statement, in asking for the scenic rivers protection, we don't want these problems to occur, and we are afraid because of the great increase in land value, the people have come along and what you asked of these other people here, create camping and so on, we want the fishing, we want the canoeing, but we don't want hurdy-gurdy establishments along its area or the threat of pollution.

Mr. KYL. Thank you.

Mr. QUICK. Does this answer your question?

Mr. TAYLOR. I thank you very much, Mr. Quick.

Mr. QUICK. Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. The next witness is Mr. William P. Weiler, president of the New York-New Jersey River Conference, Chatham, N.J.

**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM P. WEILER, PRESIDENT, NEW YORK-
NEW JERSEY RIVER CONFERENCE**

Mr. WEILER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee.

The New York-New Jersey River Conference is made up of seven canoe clubs and organizations in the New York-New Jersey area which total about 700 members.

Mr. TAYLOR. Would you like to have your statement in the record at this point or do you think you can read it all?

Mr. WEILER. I am not going to read it, sir. I would like to make a few comments.

Mr. TAYLOR. In the absence of objection the statement will be placed in the record.

Mr. WEILER. We canoeists of the New York-New Jersey area heartily endorse this national scenic rivers program. We hope to see many of our national rivers preserved through this protection. In addition, especially we look forward to seeing the Delaware River, and this is the same stretch which the previous witness just got through talking about, from Mattamoras, Pa., north or upriver to Hancock, N.Y., and which serves as the boundary line between New York and Pennsylvania, we would like to see this included under the program.

In addition, we would like to see that portion which will remain below the Tocks Island Dam when that dam will be completed, and down to the vicinity of Trenton, N.J., we would like to also see this section included as a wild river or a scenic river or under any one of the categories which are mentioned in these scenic rivers legislation bills.

Now, I would like to add that our organization has made a survey of the number of privately owned canoes of certain clubs on the Delaware River in 1967, and we total 3,000 canoes from this group. We have reason to believe that if we included the canoes rented from canoe liveries that this total would be raised to 6,000 canoes on the Delaware River in 1967.

River canoeing has been losing out to other sports due to the construction of dams. River canoeists do not appreciate lake canoeing.