

Mr. MOULTON. Just Mr. Leimaster's time is all and I just have to give these four letters in.

Mr. TAYLOR. These are four letters that you would like to submit for the file?

Mr. MOULTON. Yes; these people asked to have that.

Mrs. Burns is here and she wishes to take her own time.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mrs. Burns, you can come forward now. Mr. Moulton has been before our committee in the past and we welcome you back again.

Mr. MOULTON. Thank you, sir.

**STATEMENT OF MRS. JOHN LOCKE BURNS, JR., CHARLES TOWN,
W. VA.**

Mrs. BURNS. Thank you, gentlemen, since they are my own thoughts.

Mr. TAYLOR. Yes, Mrs. Burns. Your statement is rather short, you may read it up to 5 minutes time.

Mrs. BURNS. Thank you.

Gentlemen, I come to speak to you as a farmer's wife of 23 years. I came to the farm as a bride in 1945 when horses were still used, there were 16 and we had two tractors, you can't pet a tractor.

I fed threshing hands and gave them breakfast so that they could be in the field by 7 o'clock in the morning.

Sometimes they worked a couple of hours and the rains came, and you couldn't thresh any more for days; than you had to start all over again.

My husband and I prayed for rain so that the alfalfa could grow and we would have hay for the winter, then we prayed for sunshine when we wanted to thresh wheat (the rain has fallen a week at a time and the wheat rotted in the shock), then for rain again when the corn was supposed to grow and tassel.

We withstood the heartbreaking drought, when we walked across the bluegrass pasture and the grass was all brown and spring back like wire under our feet.

My husband farmed the land, and his father before him, and his grandfather.

He has been gone 7 years and he left it to me outright. It is now farmed by my brother-in-law, and at my husband's request will be left to his sons who are farmers.

Now, I am told in this bill and others, that the Government wants this land for a playground, that there is more than a possibility that it will be taken from me by eminent domain or by scenic easements (it would never truly belong to me again).

When I read of these scenic and wild rivers bills, I am almost made to feel that no longer does the right of ownership exist.

Mr. TAYLOR. Does this particular bill affect your farm? Which river are you on?

Mrs. BURNS. I am on the Shenandoah.

Mr. TAYLOR. It is in the study stage of the bill.

Mrs. BURNS. I think it is, I think it is.

Mr. TAYLOR. All right, proceed.