

Secretary UDALL. We do have authority to make exceptions where there are hardships or special social or economic reasons.

Mr. CRAMER. The State does not have such authority?

Secretary UDALL. We write this kind of language into the State standards. The States will administer them, and we will have to get back into the picture only if we disagree with the way that the State is enforcing the standards. That is the reason we want—

Mr. CRAMER. Why do you not permit the States to having a State agency make those exceptions under certain standards, rather than you, as Secretary, judging every single case?

Secretary UDALL. Well, I would expect only very exceptional cases to actually get to me, or even get to Washington.

Mr. CRAMER. I do not want to see the Secretary of Interior or any Federal agency saying to every industry that "You either can or cannot locate" or that any new farm can be established or not established along a given stream. I do not want to see this as strictly the Secretary's power. That is what bothers me.

Secretary UDALL. Congressman—

Mr. CRAMER. I do not think we intended that in the 1966 act.

Secretary UDALL. I do not think we are setting up that kind of administration. And I would predict that in 99 out of 100 cases the State people merely will be touching base with our people, and that the local or regional level will make most of the decisions on these matters. And we will be brought in only when there is a loud outcry, usually from sportsmen and conservationists, that there is a flagrant example of degradation of a stream or river, and that the water quality standards are not being kept. So we don't want to go in the business of running this program from Washington. We think Congress contemplated that if the States would fix suitable standards, the States would do most of the administering and the enforcing, and we would get in only if they did not do their job right.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, even if the hearing record clearly shows that you cannot have this industry X on this river without some degradation, but that this river can be used and should be used for agricultural purposes, or for industrial purposes, that State does not have the power to say "Yes," because that is an exception to the standards. Only you have that power.

Secretary UDALL. No. Because we end up with a "no degradation" section in the State standards that we are agreed upon. Now they will administer their own standards. We will get into the picture only if their administration breaks down.

Mr. CRAMER. When somebody objects to how they are doing it?

Secretary UDALL. That is right.

Mr. CRAMER. So you have the final say?

Secretary UDALL. We get into the big fight, as we usually do—when there is a big fight between the sportsmen and chambers of commerce over location of a new factory that is going to ruin the fishing somewhere. That is when we are going to be in the picture. Only then—usually only then.

Mr. CRAMER. What kind of headache is that you are asking for?

Secretary UDALL. That is the kind of headaches I have every day.

Mr. CRAMER. An Excedrin headache? [Laughter.]