

in my judgment, the most benefits to the most people. If we will provide access to these vast recreational areas that could be put to the benefit of the people of the country through a proper and updated forest development roads and trails program, we will really be developing some benefits.

And I can tell you that in our own area, for instance, we have some 5.6 million acres of Forest Service lands, and all we need is to have the opportunity for a road to be developed to give access to people. And you can minimize the number of dollars that are going to be required for creation of a very large national park.

I just had to take advantage of this opportunity to bring this to the attention of our committee members.

Mr. NELSON. If I may, I would like to say we have 20 million acres in the East. I do not want the members on this committee who are in the East to think our road problems and road needs are all in the West. The same type of thing that you just spoke of for recreation development is very important in the eastern national forests also.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Now on page 14 of the draft of the bill that is before us, line 4, you have "for the use and development of the resources upon which communities within or adjacent to the national forest and other areas administered by the Forest Service are dependent."

Now, that includes parts of a sentence. But could you tell me what is fully intended by that recommendation?

Mr. NELSON. That deals only with the definitions. As you know, the Federal Highway Act has a section on definitions; it also has a section on the authorizations. And the intent of these recommendations for a change here was to make the definitions the same as the authorizations that were authorized 4 years ago.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I see. Recognizing this is dependent on the success of your program.

Mr. NELSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And you are making this recommendation legislatively to accomplish this?

Mr. NELSON. That is right.

Mr. KLUCZYNSKI. Any further questions?

The gentleman from Texas. Mr. Roberts.

Mr. ROBERTS. Mr. Nelson, what is the total for forest products in the United States? I am talking about from national parks. What is your total?

Mr. NELSON. This past fiscal year it was \$182,600,000.

That includes our total receipts and most of that is from timber. About 95 percent of it is from timber.

Mr. ROBERTS. We are spending more than that for the roads. When you count what you work out with the saw people, timber people, and what we put in, we are spending more money on roads than we are taking in on the whole product, by far.

Mr. NELSON. Our appropriated funds for roads and trails in the budget for fiscal year 1969 will be about \$91 million and in addition to that we have the 10-percent fund, which will add about \$18 million.

The roads that will be built by the timber operators under the timber sales contract will be about \$87 million. So you are correct that it will be more than the \$180 million of direct receipts to the Treasury.