

Senator METCALF. May I say I completely concur.

Mr. BAKER. I think all the members of your committee do. You have supported us all these many years in the activities that we have undertaken, the research and operating, technical assistance work that has developed the expertise that Senator Nelson spoke of.

The bill as we read it says, and I made specially clear the specific places where it could be read to say, that the Secretary of Agriculture will participate in this undertaking. We agree fully with Senator Nelson in the point he made that expertise does exist in public land management in the Forest Service. Technical assistance, financial assistance, and educational activity with respect to private land management in this regard is now available in the agencies of the Department of Agriculture. The two that are represented here with me now, and Agricultural Research Service and Economic Research Service, certainly should be in the S. 3132 operation. I agree with Secretary Udall who said that the Secretary of Agriculture would have a case for the predominant part in the restoration of previously mined areas whenever the opportunity permits us to undertake that.

Senator METCALF. Senator Nelson.

Senator NELSON. As I understand the bill, it states in various places, including section 5 (a) that:

The Secretary is authorized, whenever he determines that it would effectuate the purposes of this Act, to cooperate with other Federal agencies.

The point I want to make is that between the present two Secretaries that may work very well. I don't know.

But in my judgment it ought to be in the bill that the Soil Conservation Service expertise shall be used. I call Senator Fannin's attention to this. We are talking about the question, Senator, that they may use other Federal agencies.

In a hearing before the labor committee just a week or 10 days ago Senator Fannin raised this exact point as to duplication of effort between the Defense Department and the Civil Rights Commission in enforcing the law on discrimination in defense contracts.

I believe it was he who raised it.

Senator FANNIN. Yes.

Senator NELSON. The Civil Rights Commission comes in and says, "You must do this," and then the Defense contracting department comes in and says, "This is the policy," and they are in conflict. It is total nonsense that such conflicts arise and it infuriates every sensible person in America. It seems to go on endlessly in the Federal Government.

I am satisfied that if you pass this law the way it is that within the next 5 years expertise would build up in the Interior Department that is totally unnecessary because it presently exists on the spot in our States.

It is just inevitable. That is what is going to happen. It has happened in every agency I have ever looked at that got any authority. Even though you have authority elsewhere within the Government they don't communicate with each other. They are jealous of exercising the authority they have and when they have the authority they have to have somebody to exercise it.

So they have a lawyer interpret their authority. Then they have some enforcement people go out and see that the authority they have is en-