

forced. It seems we have such a senseless bunch of nonsense in the Federal Government, with the duplicating bureaucracies, that you could fire a good percentage of the personnel and get a better job done. That is just a hard cold fact of the matter.

I don't know what experience Senator Fannin had as Governor, but know in my State I have watched that Soil Conservation Service and it has been working for many years. All the local people have confidence in it. They are there on the spot, available for advice and consultation with our farmers and others. They do a very good job and not to require that the expertise that is there be used in the areas in which they have knowledge is just a lot of nonsense because we will have another layer of bureaucracy on top of it. It may not be less two Secretaries but it will happen to some of them because it always does. I don't know of any exception in my 20 years of government experience and that is why I think this committee ought to be saying, "You shall use it and you shall not duplicate where you have the resource there."

Now, if it is necessary, I don't see any reason why you cannot do this. If it is the type of project, and the authority rests with the Secretary of the Interior, he should be directed to notify the Secretary of Agriculture that, "We are now exploring a proposed mining operation and out there in the field you have people who understand soil restoration, watershed management, and all the rest of this," and use the necessary personnel.

They are there. It should not be necessary to hire other people to go out and do the job that these Federal people on the job can do. That is my only point about this.

Senator FANNIN. Mr. Chairman, I certainly agree with the Senator from Wisconsin that we often pass legislation here that duplicates existing programs. I give as a good example what happened with our mine safety bill. Originally the mine inspector was to be responsible for barrow pits and supposedly it was just going to pertain to these loading areas and for gravel and sand areas, but the legislation now covers even pits along the highways.

That legislation creates an impossible enforcement problem. Too often we see a need that exists and, instead of trying to get some co-operation from the States and working with the States, we enact overlapping legislation which only creates a duplication of effort and cost. Such legislation is not beneficial to the industry or to the people of this country.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. Chairman, if I may respond to the gentleman—

Senator METCALF. Please do.

Mr. BAKER (continuing). If I remember correctly, Secretary Udall testified very strongly to the considerable capabilities of the various agencies in the Department of Agriculture with regard to conservation.

He testified that it was his intention to utilize these services in the administration of S. 3132.

I have testified that we propose to make this expertise and these services available. The bill is less than as explicit as the Senator from Wisconsin has suggested it should be, that they will be used. It is our purpose that they be so used.