

I am going to ask the supervisor of our division of mines and geology to finish my statement.

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, Governor Evans has given you the official position of the State of Washington with respect to a plan of management for the North Cascades area. I favor this plan over other proposals being considered.

My principal purpose in appearing before you today is to urge caution against hasty establishment of restrictions and boundaries in the North Cascades. Further, I urge that should any restrictions be established, they contain sufficient flexibility to provide for the inevitable changes of our needs and uses in the future.

My hope is that you will proceed slowly and carefully, and only after all facts are known and all potential uses and resources of the area are given their full measure of consideration.

My reason for urging caution is that in spite of the several surveys and studies made in the North Cascades, there is a considerable inadequacy of basic information necessary for proper guidelines to good resource management. There is disagreement and confusion on the information now available. Facts have been obscured by emotion and narrow self-interest.

Perhaps the most glaring example of inadequate information concerns the mineral resources of the area. To inform you more fully in this matter, I have requested Marshall Huntting, supervisor of our State division of mines and geology, to submit a report to you and give a brief summary thereof.

In closing, I again urge caution against hasty action and suggest that you proceed only after all facts are known and considered.

Mr. Chairman, this thought comes because of my close association with the Land Law Review study and other associations that I have had and other studies and the recent responsibilities that the State legislature gave to me of the division of mines and geology. I would like Mr. Huntting to complete this.

Marshall?

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Huntting, you can take the rest of the time.

STATEMENT OF MARSHALL T. HUNTTING, SUPERVISOR, DIVISION OF MINES AND GEOLOGY, WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. HUNTTING. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, the North Cascades Mountains of Washington is an area of widespread and important mineralization. The largest copper mine we have had in the State is in the area. The mine now is closed but the mining camp is being used by thousands of people each year as a very fine recreational and outdoor religious facility. The mine produced almost \$6 million in copper, gold, zinc, and silver in the 20-year period in which it was in operation. Also the area contains a much larger copper deposit that has not yet been brought into production. Records in our office give information on approximately 100 deposits of metallic and nonmetallic minerals in the area. Additional information on these deposits is included in the report which I am submitting for the record.

We respectfully ask, one, that no action be taken on proposed legislation until the results of the \$600,000, 3-year mineral resource inves-