

greatest price of all for a North Cascades National Park, a price which is not necessary, a price which should not be imposed upon them.

Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you very much.

Chairman ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman, I could not let this opportunity go by without acknowledging the services of Mr. Biggs as a member of the Advisory Council of the Public Land Law Review Commission. He is doing a most constructive and most effective job in this capacity, and I personally want to thank him.

Of course, we have already read your statement. As you know, we read statements about four time as fast as they can be orally read. This is a statement which is entirely in the interests of the game and fish operation which is under your jurisdiction. Is that not correct?

Mr. BIGGS. That is correct, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman ASPINALL. We are very glad to have it. Thank you very much.

Mr. BIGGS. Thank you very much.

Mr. TAYLOR. Just one question. Are you opposed to the creation of the park?

Mr. BIGGS. Yes, I am, Mr. Chairman. I am opposed to the creation of the park because of the prohibition against fishing and hunting and because of the fact that these resources would come under a prohibitive type of Federal management, and I do not feel that to be necessary.

Mr. TAYLOR. Any other members?

Chairman ASPINALL. Would that be true with reference to any particular facility? Even if it could be limited to 100,000 or 200,000 acres? You would be opposed to it just the same?

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Chairman, I think I understand the realities of this situation and I cannot deny that a park could be placed in the North Cascades of moderate size of a wilderness type and that the deprivation of fishing and hunting would not be great. I would hope that something like that could be considered.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you very much, Mr. Biggs.

Representative C. W. Beck, Washington House of Representatives.
On deck, Mr. Sprague.

STATEMENT OF C. W. BECK, WASHINGTON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BECK. I appreciate very much this opportunity to appear before you today, in your consideration of S. 1321. As a legislator I am particularly interested in preserving to the greatest extent possible the full use of the mineral, forest and recreational resources of the North Cascades area. I am a dedicated conservationist, and as such I define conservation as the most effective and efficient multiple usage of the resources that nature gave us in this valuable area.

Quite frankly, it is my conclusion that these goals best can be served by retaining as much as possible of the area under consideration within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, as is the case at present.

As a member of the legislature's joint committee on highways, it has been my pleasure to work over the years for the ultimate construction of the North Cross State Highway, which bisects the area proposed for a national park, in S. 1321.