

parts to the wilderness area right here, to the Glacier Peak area, and designate this wilderness area and bring it in under the Wilderness Act which would be administered by the Forest Service as the area is presently being administered.

Mr. TAYLOR. Would you tell us the number of acres in those respective areas?

Mr. MEEDS. There are 570,000 acres in the light blue, which is the national park—I may not be exact on these figures—100,000 acres in the dark blue, which is the national recreation area; 10,000 acres would be added to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area in these two places and the State wilderness is 512,000 acres.

Mr. TAYLOR. What about the lower wilderness area?

Mr. MEEDS. This is all presently wilderness area with the exception of these two places here that you see outlined in black. The bill would add those two, and I think there are about 10,000 acres in that.

Mr. TAYLOR. What are the appreciable differences between the provisions of your bill and the Senate bill?

Mr. MEEDS. The appreciable differences are these, Mr. Chairman. Under the Senate bill this area here, about 62,000 acres, has been designated the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area. It differs in that respect. There is a small change to include Horseshoe Basin in the Pasayten Wilderness Area. I do not know how many acres. In Thunder Creek where my bill cuts it off right here, we would send it down to Thunder Creek, and put it in the national recreation area and extend the national recreation area further down.

There is about 3,000 acres in that. Those are the major differences. This recreation area would be approximately the same.

Mr. TAYLOR. How much smaller is the national park in the Senate bill than in your bill?

Mr. MEEDS. I think it is about 65,000 acres less in the Lake Chelan Recreation Area primarily. There are some minor boundary changes, too.

Mr. TAYLOR. What appreciable differences are there between your bill and the administration recommendations?

Mr. MEEDS. My bill constitutes the administration recommendation, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. Your State Governor had a study made of the whole program. He had a committee that made recommendations. I notice they recommend a recreation area of 1,800,000 acres, which covers the entire area. In this there will be a relatively small park of 312,000 acres. The national park would be administered by the National Park Service. All of the rest of the area would be administered by the Forest Service. An advisory board will be set up to advise the administering agencies. What is your reaction to those proposals?

Mr. MEEDS. I would first of all like to commend the Governor of our State, even though he is of a different party than I, for his support of a national park in the North Cascades. He has been said to be a little reckless in even recommending this. I think he has been very far seeing in doing so. I do think, Mr. Chairman, in the final analysis, even though I do not think they intended to do this, the Governor's bill actually "locks up" more territory than my bill or S. 1321, and it does it by putting it in a wilderness area. You see in our bill this area here would be a park and there could be access to it, there could be tram-