

ways and this type of thing, in which many people could get the experiences of seeing those great areas.

In this area under the Governor's plan, the southern part of our park proposal would be added to the Glacier Peak wilderness area or be brought right down to it and this would then become wilderness area, and you could not have in that area any mechanized vehicle, you could not have a tramway. You could not have many of the things that I feel certainly ought to be utilized in giving people an outdoor recreational opportunity. That is the main objection I have to the proposal by the Governor. The Governor's proposal adds much much more in wilderness area than does mine and does S. 1321. This area would be larger. I think, Mr. Chairman, this deals with a total—or it places in park or wilderness or national recreation area designation—1,891,000 acres, whereas my proposal would place in one of those three categories 1,180,000 acres. It is a smaller proposal, dealing with less land.

Mr. TAYLOR. You mentioned an amendment in the Senate bill permitting skiing.

Mr. MEEDS. Yes, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. Was that in the recreation area or in the park?

Mr. MEEDS. It is actually an amendment, Mr. Chairman, which will require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to study the availability of good skiing sites within the recreation area and within the park area and to report back after they have done so, I think, in 2 years.

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. UDALL. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman. I commend our colleague for a very thorough statement. I made, as he indicated, two different field trips to this area, and I can confirm all of the rave notices that it has had and richly deserves. This is a striking and remarkably magnificent part of our country. I have never seen anything quite like it. I hope that the committee and Congress will resolve this issue this year.

Mr. TAYLOR. The other gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. STEIGER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MEEDS. I note that the State of Washington owes the State of Arizona a debt of gratitude which can be paid in gold.

Mr. STEIGER. Mr. Chairman, I would just like to commend our colleague from Washington. He has complete and thorough knowledge of the problems and area. His presentation was not only articulate but obviously very aware. I would just like to comment that I, too, have seen this area, not in an official capacity of a field trip, but on my own and I am equally impressed. I think you have a unique situation where you have found yourself, whether you are aware or not, defending in many instances one program vis-a-vis the wilderness area as opposed to the park system. I think this is not unique in your situation, although I do not know offhand where the three have come to a head in such a dramatic fashion. I think you are again to be commended for your desire not to destroy the existing natural beauties and at the same time not to make them inaccessible. I think somewhere down the road we are going to have to arrive at whatever is a compatible relationship between the three. I, for one, would be happy to support your judgment in the matter.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.