

Mr. UDALL. I have one further question, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Meeds, there has been considerable controversy about a proposed copper mining development of the Kennecott Corp. Would you show on the map where it was approximately located? I know we flew over it.

Mr. MEEDS. Yes, it is in the Glacier Peak wilderness area on Miners Ridge.

Mr. Chairman, this is Glacier Peak here which is a very large and magnificent mountain. One of the things that disturbed me most is that it would have been very difficult to find a worse place to locate an open pit mine, because the entire Miners Ridge area is the prominent ridge which can be seen from Glacier Peak and from the whole side of north and northeast side which looks right down on Miners Ridge.

Mr. TAYLOR. Is the mine now in operation?

Mr. MEEDS. No. It has been proposed.

Mr. TAYLOR. This bill makes no change?

Mr. MEEDS. This bill would make no change in that status.

Mr. TAYLOR. I, too, would like to commend you on your fine statement. You show a lot of knowledge of the area and a lot of study. I know the gentleman's interest. He has been most persuasive in trying to get this bill considered this session.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. TAYLOR. I might point out that extensive field hearings have been held on this bill. We heard 350 witnesses in Seattle. Congressman Udall and some others heard about 75 in the second hearing out there. So we have listened, I guess, to more of the local people on this bill than any other bill that has ever been considered by this committee. Unfortunately, they are not in agreement as to what we should do about the matter.

Our next witness is Congressman Pelly. I don't believe he is here. I understand he is going to submit a statement and without objection, his statement will be placed in the record at this point. (The statement follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. THOMAS M. PELLY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Sub-Committee on National Parks and Recreation, I greatly appreciate this opportunity on behalf of the people of the First Congressional District of the State of Washington to support legislation to establish a North Cascades National Park.

My bill, H.R. 12139, was introduced at the request of many dedicated conservationists who previously have testified in its favor before your Committee. During my lifetime, I have visited on foot and by pack-train most of this area, and I say from personal knowledge that these mountains and valleys are unique in their beauty and grandure and should be preserved unspoiled for future generations.

As the Committee knows, the Governor of my State (Dan Evans) has previously supported a Park as contained in a bill by my able colleague from Washington, Mrs. May. Its boundaries represent concessions to economic and recreational resources that of course must be recognized.

I think I can best sum up my position by saying first I hope the Committee will report a bill favorably. Second, I hope such a bill will establish the largest and most extensive park and recreational area it deems advisable. As for myself, if the Committee acts as I said I hoped it would, I will vote for my bill, Mrs. May's bill or the Senate passed bill.

Your Committee, Mr. Chairman, has been generous in holding hearings. It knows the subject fully. Now, I hope it will act.

Thank you.