

Mr. TAYLOR. Now we are proud to have Congresswoman May before us.

We welcome you before our subcommittee. We know you are extensively interested in this legislation. The bill you have introduced has already been made a part of the record.

STATEMENT OF HON. CATHERINE MAY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Mrs. MAY. Mr. Chairman and members of the subcommittee, I am Catherine May, Representative in Congress from the State of Washington, the State in which the awesome North Cascades region is located.

H.R. 16252, which I introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on March 27, 1968, embraces the official recommendations of the State of Washington for the future best use of the great North Cascades region, one of nature's true wonderlands. This proposal offers an alternative to the Senate-passed national park proposal.

This alternative, I am very pleased to say, has received support from many individuals and groups who previously had simply taken a stand either for or against a "national park in the North Cascades." H.R. 16252 offers, therefore, a plan which could reasonably be expected to receive the endorsement and support of many individuals and groups who, before its introduction as legislation, had expressed themselves either "for" or "against" a national park in the North Cascades.

If I might at this point, Mr. Chairman, I think it would be helpful if we directed our attention to the several maps to give you a visual conception of the areas we are speaking of here today. If I might, I will have a man from my staff stand there to point out areas.

H.R. 16252 would establish a 1,891,000-acre national recreation area in the North Cascades, which would be zoned into high-intensity recreational use areas, wilderness areas, and a 312,320-acre national park in the western portion of the present North Cascades primitive area, together with Mount Shuksan.

(S. 1321, the Senate-passed Federal proposal, differs considerably. It would establish a 570,000-acre national park, establish the Ross Lake National Recreation Area, the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, designate the Pasayten Wilderness, and modify the Glacier Peak Wilderness. The Secretary of the Interior would administer the park and recreation areas and the Secretary of Agriculture would administer the wilderness areas under the Senate bill.)

In the plan I have introduced all areas except the national park would be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture.

In addition to the smaller national park, the new bill would establish the Mount Baker Recreation Area, the Ross Lake Recreation Area, the Lake Chelan Recreation Area, the Cascades River Recreation Area, and the North Cascades Highway Recreation Area.

The plan would also establish the Eldorado Wilderness and the Okanogan Wilderness, and would enlarge the Glacier Peak Wilderness. A wilderness core, including Mount Baker itself, would be designated within the Mount Baker Recreation Area.

A North Cascades Advisory Board, consisting of the Governor of the State of Washington, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Sec-