

Mr. TAYLOR. And you did not include that in your figures?

Mr. MEEDS. No; that is not included in my proposal, because it is part of the existing wilderness system.

Mr. TAYLOR. So the difference, acrewise, is about 300,000—some rather than 700,000?

Mr. MEEDS. That is right. As I recall my testimony, I created the impression that the chairman got, and I just wanted to make sure that that was not the case.

Mr. TAYLOR. We appreciate your clearing up that point.

Mrs. MAY, we thank you very much for your testimony.

Mrs. MAY. Thank you.

Mr. TAYLOR. I was very much impressed by the pictures of this area appearing in the National Geographic recently.

Mrs. MAY. Weren't they beautiful, though.

Mr. TAYLOR. We were out there last spring and were very disappointed that the weather wouldn't even let us fly over there.

Mrs. MAY. As Mr. Meeds can testify, a million pictures still doesn't do justice to it.

Mr. TAYLOR. I might tell you that area is of special interest to me. I was born out there in Julia Hansen's district.

Mrs. MAY. For goodness sake, we knew there was something good about him, unusually good, didn't we.

Mr. TAYLOR. A statement received from Congressman Burt Talcott of California will be placed in the record at this point without objection.

(The statement follows:)

STATEMENT OF HON. BURT L. TALCOTT, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. Chairman and Members of your Subcommittee, it is a privilege and pleasure for me to appear before you today in support of the proposed North Cascades National Park.

I commend the work done by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and your Subcommittee's part in recent Congresses in the field of conservation and recreation legislation. Just to mention a few, one immediately thinks of the establishment of the National Wilderness Preservation System, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, the Cape Cod National Seashore Act, and others. I am hopeful that a National Redwood Park, worthy of the majestic greatness of these most noble of nature's creations, will soon come out of conference and be enacted into law.

The beauties and wonders of nature surpass man's creativity and inspire a sense of awe in any sensitive beholder. The land for which we have been given the responsibility of custodianship has been richly endowed with unique geological and horticultural phenomena. We are eternally grateful for the foresight and vision of our predecessors who established the National Park System and set aside many of our natural wonders.

The area in the proposed North Cascades National Park is almost virgin territory and contains unexcelled panoramic scenic vistas, glacier-fed lakes, mountain accents, and an opportunity for human solace and close communion with nature.

If these areas are desecrated in search of minerals considered by some to be in short supply at the moment, all future generations will pay a heavy price for our temporary enrichment. Measured against the values of centuries, such mis- use of this area is too high a price to pay and too exorbitantly wasteful. I respectfully urge approval of this bill so that our generation and succeeding generations may find, when they seek, refuge and renewal in the quietude and splendor of the Cascades and that history will place our actions in the same league with the great conservationists who have gone before us.