

proposed 570,000-acre national park recommended by the administration to 505,000 acres. In lieu thereof the Senate-passed bill would establish a 62,000-acre Lake Chelan National Recreation Area whereas the administration bill would include this area in the national park.

We believe the Senate-passed bill, like H.R. 8970, will provide for the effective management and administration necessary to carry out the purposes of this proposal. The costs involved in both bills are approximately the same. In both cases, land acquisition is a minimal factor, since over 99 percent of the lands involved are already publicly owned.

Mr. Chairman, the North Cascades Mountains area is, as I am certain you will agree, among the most magnificent areas in the world. This area of rugged scenic beauty lies adjacent to the Northwest's most populous area. With completion of the North Cross-State Highway and the off-highway access to be provided by the National Park Service and Forest Service, thousands of people will be able to see for themselves this beautiful area.

The area has been studied for years, the views of the people are known, the administration's position is clear, and it is time for congressional decision.

I am most happy that this committee has seen fit to consider this legislation, and it is my earnest hope that Congress will take final favorable action to establish this park before recessing next week.

#### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN H.R. 8970 AND S. 1321, AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

##### I. PURPOSE

H.R. 8970—To establish the North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake National Recreation Area, to designate the Pasayten Wilderness and modify the Glacier Peak Wilderness.

S. 1321—Same as H.R. 8970, except it also establishes a Lake Chelan National Recreation Area.

##### II. AREA, SIZE AND ADMINISTRATION

| Area                                      | H.R. 8970 |                  | S. 1321   |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|
|                                           | Acres     | Administered by— | Acres     | Administered by— |
| North Cascades National Park.....         | 570,000   | Interior.....    | 505,000   | Interior.        |
| Ross Lake National Recreation Area.....   | 100,000   | do.....          | 107,000   | Do.              |
| Lake Chelan National Recreation Area..... |           |                  | 62,000    | Do.              |
| Pasayten Wilderness.....                  | 500,000   | Agriculture..... | 520,000   | Agriculture.     |
| Glacier Peak Wilderness, additions.....   | 10,000    | do.....          | 10,000    | Do.              |
| Total.....                                | 1,180,000 |                  | 1,204,000 |                  |

##### III. LANDOWNERSHIP AND ACQUISITION COSTS

###### H.R. 8970

|                      | National Park | National recreation area | Total   |
|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Federal.....         |               |                          |         |
| State.....           | 566,195       | 99,200                   | 665,395 |
| City of Seattle..... | 200           |                          | 200     |
| Private.....         |               | 440                      | 440     |
| Mineral patents..... | 1,725         | 360                      | 2,085   |
|                      | 1,880         |                          | 1,880   |
| Total.....           | 570,000       | 100,000                  | 670,000 |

Note: Land acquisition costs: Private land in national park and recreation area, including mineral patents, \$3,402,000.