TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK AND ROSS LAKE NATIONAL RECREATION AREA, TO DESIGNATE THE PASAYTEN WILDERNESS AND TO MODIFY THE GLACIER PEAK WILDERNESS, IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, AND FOR OTHER **PURPOSES**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1968

House of Representatives, COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS, Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:55 a.m., in room 1324, Longworth House Office Building, the Honorable Wayne Aspinall, chairman, presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will be in session for the business that is regularly scheduled to come before

The first order of business will be the taking of testimony on H.R. 8970 by Mr. Meeds, a bill to establish the North Cascades National Park and Ross Lake National Recreation Area, to designate the Pasayten Wilderness and to modify the Glacier Peak Wilderness, in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

The bill was favorably reported with amendment by the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation. It was introduced as the result of an executive communication from the Department of Inter-

ior.

The subcommittee amendment strikes all after the enacting clause of H.R. 8970 and inserts the text of S. 1321 as passed by the Senate. The related bills by Mr. Pelly, H.R. 12139, and by Mrs. May, H.R.

16252, are also before the committee for disposition.

While we were in the Northwest holding hearings, it was announced that there would be opportunity for those representing organizations in Washington, who desired to do so to appear before this committee or the subcommittee and to give their statements.

The executive director of the National Wildlife Federation has requested that he be permitted to be heard, and we shall listen to Mr.

Thomas L. Kimball at this time for his statement.

Mr. Kimball, it is good to have you before the committee, and we shall be glad to listen to your statement.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS L. KIMBALL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Mr. Kimball. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I particularly appreciate your consideration in this respect.