

Mr. KIMBALL. It may be helpful, Mr. Chairman, in this instance, if the committee does determine to create the park, to insert the same language that is in the Grand Teton bill, which does give the Secretary a little wider latitude in handling these particular problems.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Meeds.

Mr. MEEDS. Mr. Kimball, is it not true that the hunt for the deer in the North Cascades is a special high country hunt which takes place approximately 3 weeks prior to the regular deer hunting season in the State of Washington?

Mr. KIMBALL. It depends on how large a park you are talking about. The one that is proposed in the Senate bill traditionally is in the higher elevations, as I understand it.

Mr. MEEDS. And these deer migrate down and many of them, which are high country deer, migrate into the lower country and are taken in the regular season also.

Mr. KIMBALL. That depends on the snowfall and the zone. Sometimes the snowfall does not come until after the season lower down in the pass. You are not always talking about the same deer when you get into the hunting area.

Mr. MEEDS. The primary reason that this high country hunt is simply for the experience of hunting in the high country, and not the fact that the deer are there and only there, is it not?

Mr. KIMBALL. I am not familiar enough with the hunting seasons to determine that, except my experience in Colorado is that the snowfall is the governing factor on deer movements. You will have the deer in the high elevations stay there until snow forces them down. Sometimes the hunting seasons below are already closed at the time the heavy snows come to force these animals down.

Mr. MEEDS. That is true in this country that we are talking about in S. 1321. At the elevations involved here the type of snowfall you are talking about occurs almost every year.

Mr. KIMBALL. I would guess that.

Mr. MEEDS. So that many of the deer which, if they did not move out and were not taken in a regular season hunt, would migrate naturally anyhow and would probably be taken at the lower elevations. So the type of control that you are talking about might not be as necessary as in many other areas.

Mr. KIMBALL. It would be my conclusion, after taking a look at the area, in spite of that, you would have some deer problems within the proposed park if you did not crop them. You have them in almost every other big national park in the West in similar elevations and terrain.

Mr. MEEDS. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Mr. Chairman, I wanted to ask Mr. Kimball this question: If you have a deputized system, you would have to have a selection process, I presume. What would be your solution to that? How would you determine who is going to be a deputy and who is not, to make a fair selection?

Mr. KIMBALL. I would say some years of experience in hunting should be considered as a preference. Perhaps those that have passed hunter safety courses should be given some priority.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I have never passed a hunter's safety course in my life, but I am one of the best hunters in the world. It is my un-