

Since we will not be present at your hearing, it would be appreciated if this letter and the resolution could be entered as a part of the record of the hearing. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W. T. SHANNON, *President.*

RESOLUTION No. 3

PROPOSED NATIONAL PARK IN NORTH CASCADES, STATE OF WASHINGTON

Whereas the State of Washington, smallest of the Western States and second in population, has two established national parks embodying 1,137,000 acres; and

Whereas the projected 10-year growth of the State of Washington is 127 percent against a projected national average of 36 percent, and licensed hunters and fishermen increasing in a proportionate ratio; and

Whereas the National Park Service prohibits hunting on its lands, and fishing is limited; and

Whereas wildlife management under the Park Service leaves much to be desired, with problems of overabundant elk and deer herds in the existing parks of the State of Washington; and

Whereas mining operations would not be prohibited, as witness uranium mining in Grand Canyon National Park, and mine workings in Death Valley National Monument; and

Whereas the U.S. Forest Service provides for wildlife habitat, unlimited recreation, and selected harvest; and

Whereas the Washington State Department of Game, charged with game management, possessing the personnel equipped with the necessary knowledge, is doing a commendable service: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners opposes the creation of a national park in the North Cascades, State of Washington, and be it further

*Resolved*, That this area remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, and managed by the U.S. Forest Service, as it has in the past 61 years.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, we will now take up the marking of H.R. 8970. Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

(Whereupon the committee proceeded to mark up the bill.)