

**GREAT SWAMP; PELICAN ISLAND; MONOMOY; SENEY,
HURON, MICHIGAN ISLANDS, GRAVEL ISLAND,
GREEN BAY, AND MOOSEHORN WILDERNESS AREAS**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1968

U.S. SENATE,
PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10 a.m., in room 3110, New Senate Office Building, Senator Frank Church (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Senators Frank Church (Idaho), Gaylord Nelson (Wisconsin), Lee Metcalf (Montana), Gordon Allott (Colorado), Len B. Jordan (Idaho), and Clifford P. Hansen (Wyoming).

Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; Porter Ward, professional staff member, and E. Lewis Reid, minority counsel.

Senator CHURCH. The committee will come to order.

This is the time duly noticed and set for an open public hearing on four bills to add several new areas to the national wilderness preservation system.

The bills would designate areas in New Jersey, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Maine as wilderness. All are contained in wildlife refuges. The designation has been recommended by the President, under procedures set forth in the National Wilderness Act of 1964.

The first measure to be considered today is S. 3379, to designate certain lands in the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in Morris County, N.J., as wilderness. Since there are four bills to be considered—and one of them embraces several areas—and because some witnesses will wish to testify on more than one, the bills will be taken up one at a time, and witnesses are invited to extend their remarks to the other measures.

The second bill that will be considered is S. 3343, to designate certain lands in the Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge, Indian River County, Fla., as wilderness.

The third bill will be S. 3425, to designate certain lands in the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge, Barnstable County, Mass., as wilderness.

And the fourth and final bill would designate as wilderness certain lands in the Seney, Huron Islands, and Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuges in Michigan, the Gravel Island and Green Bay National Wildlife Refuges in Wisconsin, and the Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge in Maine.