

Mr. BRANDBORG. I have not reviewed the presentation of Mr. Soucie as it was offered today. I would offer this comment, Mr. Chairman: it appears that in some respects sections 1 and 2 of the bills before this committee suffice to bring these proposed wilderness areas into the national wilderness preservation system. They designate these areas, they bring them under the applicable provisions of the Wilderness Act. I feel by bringing these units under the applicable provisions of the wilderness law we have satisfied our main need to give effective protection within the wilderness system to the lands with which we are concerned.

I feel that the helpful proposal of the Sierra Club warrants careful study and that section 2 might be strengthened by the language they suggest. Their language seems to be a clarification that serves to preserve the strong protective language of the Wilderness Act, and it is more definitive in its protective function than the language in section 3, in my opinion.

Senator METCALF. If, after further examination, you have additional comment would you please file it with the committee?

Mr. BRANDBORG. I would appreciate the opportunity to do that.

Senator METCALF. The acting chairman of this committee is getting near a deadline. I regret I can't take care of the remaining two witnesses this morning; however, this hearing will be continued. It will be recessed until 2:15 this afternoon, at which time Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Scott will be permitted to testify.

Mr. BRANDBORG. It may be possible that these witnesses would wish to submit their statements for the record for the purpose of the committee's convenience. I would suggest you inquire if that is the case.

Senator METCALF. Does Mr. Waldrop or Mr. Scott wish to submit a statement?

Mr. SCOTT. I am Mr. Scott, and I would be pleased to submit my statement.

STATEMENT OF DOUGLAS W. SCOTT, REPRESENTATIVE, MACKINAC CHAPTER, SIERRA CLUB

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, I am Douglas W. Scott. I am a graduate forester and am now pursuing graduate studies in the Department of Forestry of the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan. My temporary summer address is 138 Kentucky Avenue SE., Washington, D.C. However, I am a resident of the State of Michigan. By appropriate action of the executive committee I have been delegated to represent the Mackinac chapter of the Sierra Club at this hearing today. The Mackinac chapter encompasses the entire State of Michigan and numbers more than 600 members. We carry out an active statewide program of meetings, outings and conservation activities. This program includes the identification, study and support of opportunities for the conservation of natural resources, the maintenance of environmental quality and the preservation of outstanding recreational, scenic, and natural areas for the enduring benefit of the people of Michigan and the Nation.

As part of this program, the Mackinac chapter supports the legal designation under provision of the 1964 Wilderness Act, of suitable lands as wilderness areas. The chapter has participated in this program