

I remember years ago, my 14 years on the Committee on Ethics, I had some good friend from the other side of the aisle call me up and say, Jim, why is this organization giving me five grand? I said, well, think about it. And about 2 or 3 weeks later they said, it kind of dawned on me a little bit because you got a bill about your State in Utah and they want my vote. So these people know how to play the game but they do not go away. It is kind of like the downwinders in Utah.

When I was first here in 1980, we got in the situation of how to deploy the MX missile. President Carter came up with an idea of putting it in Utah and Nevada and running in between them. Well, it did not work. It was not a good idea.

I carried the amendment to kill it, in fact, back in those days. The downwinders were totally dedicated to taking the MX out of Utah. The MX is a good missile, but that was not the way to deploy it.

At the end of that, did they go away? Did they extinguish? No. They ran up and said, well, there is an electronic battlefield going up here. Let us see if we can kill that now.

Well, after that finally died because Dick Chaney said he could not afford it, did they go away? No. It kept getting bigger. And then they got an area we are trying to get rid of 43 percent of the obsolete chemical weapons. And now we look at the Sierra Club. Did they go away? Did SUA go away? Did Earth First go away? Did the Audubon Society? Did the Wilderness Society? No.

Well, I am not saying they are not meritorious in some areas. They probably are. But in many areas they have established an industry and they would not settle these things if we wanted to.

I guess nobody in this House is more sensitive to it than me. Because I have been on the Committee of Public Lands, Forests, and Parks for my entire time and I have worked with these folks and they do not want to settle because the industry would end.

Frankly, it disturbs me because we do not have that honest, pure intent of let us get the job done that we should have done.

The gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) talked about the Sierra Club going to crack the dam, which is Lake Powell. I do not know if a lot of people here listening understand about Lake Powell, but most of them should. It is one of the biggest reservoirs in the United States. It is 186 miles long. It has more shoreline than the entire West Coast. And people love the area.

The gentleman adequately pointed out the idea that the whole southwest part of America lives because of water. If we did not have the Fontinell and Flaming Gorge, and Lake Mead, and Glen Canyon and Parker and Davis, close up L.A., close up Phoenix and we are done. And hundreds of kilowatt hours, or thousands, millions of kilowatt hours go out of those dams. In

fact, on Lake Powell it would take seven coal-fire dams to replace what we would lose from hydropower. And everybody knows that hydropower is the best we have got.

Some of these people do not seem to care. Let a river run through it. Go back to these movie actors that have all these romantic ideas and no knowledge and they do things by a burning in the bosom rather than by science.

It comes down to the idea we need those dams. The gentleman adequately pointed out, one of the greatest vacations anybody could have is to go down to one of these dams. Get a houseboat. Take your ski boat along. The kids will never forget it. When you come down to the choice should you remodel the bathroom or should you take a trip to Lake Powell, take Lake Powell. The kids will remember that much more than they will ever remember remodeling the bathroom.

Well, the one thing, if I may end on this, Mr. Speaker, is I see all these things, those money-raising schemes going out. Protect this land before it is developed. One of the stupidest ones I have ever seen in my life was put out by a movie actor in Provo, Utah, which had all of those beautiful red monoliths of southern Utah and it had superimposed on it condominiums.

Has not anyone heard of the FLPMA Act? Does not anyone understand that BLM, Forest Service, Park Service has management plans? Do they think they let people go out and do that?

What developer would be dumb enough to go out in the middle of some God forsaken, in the minds of some folks, beautiful to a lot of us, and say let us put a condominium on the top of it? That is ridiculous. Have they ever heard of planning commissions? Have they ever heard of rules and laws made by States and counties and cities? Apparently they have not.

What do they sell to some of our good folks back East? They send them back there and they get that and they get this beautiful calendar. In fact, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance put out one of the prettiest calendars I have ever seen in my life, and it was all about this Utah BLM bill is how they said it, how they had to protect this ground.

Well, of the 12 months out the year, there was only one, only one, that was Utah BLM ground. As I recall, one was Forest Service and the rest were parks, only one in the area. But, boy, that is nice if you are a dentist out there in New York, as one of my pen-pals is, who criticizes me about once a month. He has that hanging in there and as he leans over there grinding teeth all day, or whatever you do, Mr. Speaker, I know you would know more about that than I would, he can envision the day he can go out and visit that beautiful country and just enjoy it with his family.

We have a coal fire plant out there. And this one fellow said to me one time, when I come to Utah, I do not

want to see that smoke stack. Well, that smoke stack is in a pretty remote area called Linden, Utah, right out on the west desert. I doubt if he would see it. We have put millions of dollars in putting scrubbers on it so it will not put any pollutants in the air. In fact, it is so clean that we have that local Grand Staircase, but I will not go into that. They had to throw sulphur into it even to check the thing out, which is amazing. But he did not want to see that thing. But out of that, millions and millions of people have power. And that is kind of necessary too.

So, as the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) points out, there is a moderation in there. It is not this side or that side. Somewhere we can say there is moderation in all things. I do not know who came up with the term, it ought to be scriptural because that is what makes sense; and thinking people, people who can sit down and be reasonable and think things out, can find that middle ground. We do not always have to take these polarized, extreme positions.

I say to our many, many, many friends from the East who spend millions of dollars on these organizations, think about it a little bit. The rest of us have some rights, too. We just want to get along with our Eastern friends.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 8 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.

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#### CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3064, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2000

Mr. ISTOOK submitted the following conference report and statement on the bill (H.R. 3064) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes:

#### CONFERENCE REPORT (H. REPT. 106-419)

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3064) "making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes", having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend