

Public Law 90-541

JOINT RESOLUTION

October 1, 1968  
[H. J. Res. 1461]

Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1969, and for other purposes.

Continuing ap-  
propriations,  
1969.  
Ante, p. 475.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That clause (c) of section 102 of the joint resolution of June 29, 1968 (Public Law 90-366), is hereby further amended by striking out "September 30, 1968" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 12, 1968".

Approved October 1, 1968.

Public Law 90-542

AN ACT

October 2, 1968  
[S. 119]

To provide for a National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

Wild and Scenic  
Rivers Act.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) this Act may be cited as the "Wild and Scenic Rivers Act".

(b) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the United States that certain selected rivers of the Nation which, with their immediate environments, possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, recreational, geologic, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, or other similar values, shall be preserved in free-flowing condition, and that they and their immediate environments shall be protected for the benefit and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Congress declares that the established national policy of dam and other construction at appropriate sections of the rivers of the United States needs to be complemented by a policy that would preserve other selected rivers or sections thereof in their free-flowing condition to protect the water quality of such rivers and to fulfill other vital national conservation purposes.

(c) The purpose of this Act is to implement this policy by instituting a national wild and scenic rivers system, by designating the initial components of that system, and by prescribing the methods by which and standards according to which additional components may be added to the system from time to time.

National wild  
and scenic rivers  
system.

SEC. 2. (a) The national wild and scenic rivers system shall comprise rivers (i) that are authorized for inclusion therein by Act of Congress, or (ii) that are designated as wild, scenic or recreational rivers by or pursuant to an act of the legislature of the State or States through which they flow, that are to be permanently administered as wild, scenic or recreational rivers by an agency or political subdivision of the State or States concerned without expense to the United States, that are found by the Secretary of the Interior, upon application of the Governor of the State or the Governors of the States concerned,