

PL 93-279 which establishes the Chattooga as a WSR directly references this legislative history. Since this is the Legislative understanding and basis for making the Chattooga a WSR this should be the standard against which Forest Service rules will be evaluated by the judiciary. It is clear boating was intended for the Headwaters in the record. This description of boating is even stronger than the one in the WSR Study.

## **NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM**

*P.L. 93-279, see page 134*

**House Report (Interior and Insular Affairs Committee) No. 93-675,  
Nov. 29, 1973 [To accompany H.R. 9492]**

**Senate Report (Interior and Insular Affairs Committee) No. 93-738,  
Mar. 20, 1974 [To accompany H.R. 9492]**

**Cong. Record Vol. 119 (1973)**

**Cong. Record Vol. 120 (1974)**

### **DATES OF CONSIDERATION AND PASSAGE**

**House December 3, 1973; April 10, 25, 1974**

**Senate March 22, April 23, 1974**

**The Senate Report is set out.**

### **SENATE REPORT NO. 93-738**

Section II. Wild- The next 15.9 mile segment (4.3 miles of which is in North Carolina) of the river, which is crossed by only two narrow bridges, has been virtually unchanged by man. It includes some beautiful, but hazardous, whitewater. Since the average drop of the river is 84 feet per mile in this segment it **should only be negotiated in rafts with experienced guides and boatmen**-even they must portage some of the more dangerous portions of this segment of the river. Huge boulders lie directly in the path of the river and rock outcrops, cliffs, and slick rock walls tower above making it difficult to climb out or portage around dangerous cascades and other obstacles. In a short span of 1.5 miles, the fast moving waters drop over 16 cascades and rapids, before reaching one of the most difficult portions of the river where, for 8 miles, it splashes around huge rocks, through narrow sluices, over numerous waterfalls and rapids, and through a Rock Gorge where house-size boulders further constrict the already narrow channel through which floaters must pass. **While rafting this segment is difficult, it is about the only way to see this portion of the river since rugged terrain makes access for hikers almost impossible.**