

criticism of the original bill. And that is why we have substituted the scenic easement approach as being compatible with Idaho law and the most practical way to accomplish the objective.

Senator KUCHEL. As my friend knows, there are members of this committee who are interested in establishing recreation areas while we can, but who would oppose specific legislation if there were to be a hazard of breaking through whatever dollar ceiling is involved. And we have that very problem. And it is a terrible problem, in my State. I don't know how many people live in the area of San Francisco Bay today. Could you say 5 million and not be too far off out of 20 million? And yet just by the increase of people, you are going to raise the value of land. And this area in your State—I see pictures here that are just unbelievable. And it is going to attract people. And the time to acquire it is now.

I want to ask one question. What is the ceiling that we write into this bill, because I think it is generally conceded that the chairman of our committee would wish, and I would agree with him, and I think both of you gentlemen would, too, in changing the last sentence of the bill "hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary," and so forth, into a clear ceiling, a defensible ceiling.

Senator BIBLE. I think we must insist on that, because we are constantly digging ourselves in deeper and deeper on all types of recreation acquisitions, and we must as realistically as possible indicate an acquisition figure, and also a development figure. And I note that you don't comment on either one of those in this particular bill. It is a very loose end. And certainly there may be other witnesses, other than yourselves. Mr. Secretary, maybe Mr. Cliff or somebody can tell us how you propose to develop this and how much it is going to cost. Normally on these national parks and recreation and lakeshore areas we usually have a dollar figure for acquisition, an estimated figure, that admittedly it is a little difficult to come by; and then, No. 2, normally a 5-year development figure, that over 5 years it is going to cost x dollars to develop it, and for that we are going to do some things. And in addition, an O. & M. figure of how many people you envision are going to be required to maintain this particular area.

And I don't see anything in your testimony that bears on that at all. Maybe Mr. Cliff is going to supplement it and get into it in detail. And I recognize that he may be the correct witness on these cost figures.

Secretary FREEMAN. We have the figures, and we wish to put them in the record right now.

Senator BIBLE. I think this would be as good a place as any, because we must know exactly what type of commitment we are counting upon. We authorize these parks and recreation areas, and then we fuss about them for the next 10 years figuring out how we are going to pay for them. We have a great time doing that.

Secretary FREEMAN. Mr. Chairman, the principal cost for the first 5-year stage, as we can best estimate them now, for the acquisition of land and interest in the land, which most of our attention is focused on so far this morning, we have the estimate of \$2,868,000. The total proposal—again directed toward the land acquisition including scenic easements—would be \$9,868,000. So the \$9,868,000 would be the total dollar figure on land acquisitions.