

The Commission is now authorized under Public Law 88-606 to subpoena witnesses; and a witness who fails to comply is subject to penalty under that act. However, the necessary corollary authority to take testimony under oath is omitted. It seems reasonable to us that circumstances may arise—although we do not know what they will be—that may make it desirable for the Commission to receive testimony under oath. As a matter of fact, possessing the authority to take testimony under oath may result in never having to use it.

I am convinced, Mr. Chairman, that the recommendations we have made are in the public interest. Only by doing a complete job can we fulfill our obligation to the Congress that created the Commission and to the public to which the public lands belong. These lands and their resources have values that cannot be estimated—values that are tremendous both in the intangible sense as well as in the financial sense. To do less than we have outlined here today could not afford the protection for those values.

We appreciate your consideration of the legislation and earnestly recommend its enactment.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, I will not read the appendix setting forth the data required by the act of July 25, 1956, but will request that it be included in the record and you have it before you.

Senator CHURCH. Very well; without objection, it will be included in the record.

(The appendix follows:)

EFFECT OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION FOR 18-MONTH EXTENSION OF PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION

[Required by the act of July 25, 1956, 70 Stat. 652]

	Fiscal year 1969	Fiscal year 1970	Fiscal year 1971 (6 months)
Executive direction:			
Professional.....		4	2
Stenographic and clerical.....		8	2
Total, executive direction.....	0	12	4
Legal group:			
Professional.....	3	13	1
Stenographic and clerical.....		4	1
Total, legal group.....	3	17	2
Resources and evaluation group:			
Professional.....	7	18	2
Stenographic and clerical.....		7	3
Total, resources and evaluation.....	7	25	5
Total estimated additional man-years of civilian employment.....	10	54	11
Estimated additional costs:			
Personal services.....	\$260,000	\$1,200,000	\$140,000
All other.....	\$1,690,000	\$80,000	\$20,000

STATEMENT OF MILTON A. PEARL—Resumed

Mr. PEARL. In fact, if I may just continue for one moment, Mr. Chairman, we have with us today, so that members of the committee who do not know them can meet them and see them, the top members of our staff at the Commission: Elmer Bennett, who is General