

on legislation now pending to extend the life of the Public Land Law Review Commission. This hearing is scheduled for October 26.

It has been suggested to me that Public Law 88-607, the Classification and Multiple Use Act, also be extended, since it was the intent in the 88th Congress to make the authority for this Act and Public Law 88-608, the Public Land Sale Act, terminate at the same time that the Public Land Law Review Commission completed its work.

I am enclosing a copy of a telegram signed by several conservation leaders in the United States urging an amendment to H.R. 12121, which would have the effect of extending Public Law 88-607. I would like to know if it is the view of the Department of the Interior that not only the Multiple Use and Classification Act should be extended, but also the Public Land Sale Act.

It would be appreciated if you could make your views known to me at the earliest possible time. If you feel that either one or both of these Acts should be extended in order to complete the work begun by your Department under the authority granted, then I would also appreciate having the draft of the proposed amendment which I might offer.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY M. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

The undersigned national conservation organizations favor the objective of H.R. 12121, to extend the Public Land Law Review Commission, but providing, however, that the proposal is amended to similarly extend the essential Classification and Multiple Use Act of 1964.

American Forestry Association, William E. Towell, Executive Vice President, Isaac Walton League of America; Joseph W. Penfold, Conservation Director, National Audubon Society; Charles H. Callison, Executive Vice President, National Recreation and Park Association; Russell E. Degroat, Public Affairs Officer, National Wildlife Federation; Thomas L. Kimball, Executive Director, North American Wildlife Foundation; C. R. Gutermuth, Secretary, Sierra Club; Michael McCloskey, Conservation Director, Sport Fishing Institute; Philip A. Douglass, Executive Secretary, The Wilderness Society; Stewart M. Brandborg, Executive Director, The Wildlife Society; Fred E. Evenden, Executive Secretary, Wildlife Management Institute; Ira N. Gabrielson, President.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., October 24, 1967.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: This responds to your letter of October 20, 1967, regarding H.R. 12121, to extend the life of the Public Land Law Review Commission.

Several conservation leaders have asked that the bill be amended to extend also Public Law 88-607, the Classification and Multiple Use Act. You have asked whether the Department of the Interior agrees with this proposal, and also whether we believe Public Law 88-608, the Public Land Sale Act, should be similarly extended.

Both Public Law 88-607 and Public Law 88-608 recite that they are temporary legislation "pending the implementation of recommendations to be made by the Public Land Law Review Commission". The authorities granted expire on June 30, 1969, which is 6 months after the date the Public Land Law Review Commission is required to submit its report to Congress. The 6-month period was intended to leave Public Law 88-607 and Public Law 88-608 in effect for sufficient time after the Commission report to permit Congress to decide whether to continue them, amend them, or let them expire.