

I think a certain amount of reclassification, of course, is necessary. I think Congress, in passing the Classification Act along with the Public Land Law Review Commission Act, felt that this was necessary.

Senator JORDAN. In your new job, what will you have to do with Indian affairs?

Mr. EDWARDS. Only as Indian affairs relate to water pollution control and the desalinization program which is being pursued in the Office of Saline Water.

Senator JORDAN. Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Anderson, do you have any questions?

Senator ANDERSON. I only wish to say I know Mr. Edwards very well indeed and I appreciate his services to the country.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Bible.

Senator BIBLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I share the views expressed by the Senator from Idaho on the question of the Public Land Law Review Commission and the reclassification problem.

I am not completely clear as to whether this falls within your purview from here on out and I don't know whether it did in the past. But I believe that the Bureau of Land Management, which I think is under Assistant Secretary Anderson, has gone quite far afield in trying to make many of these reclassifications and retentions permanent where the enabling legislation makes it temporary and interim. I have so expressed myself forcefully to the Secretary of the Interior and suggested that he take a look at the statute under which he is supposed to be operating and keep these classifications in their proper perspective, which is temporary and interim.

I do not know that this has been in your administrative area, but I do want to pay particular tribute to you because you have, in my judgment, been a troubleshooter for the Department of the Interior and if ever a department needed a troubleshooter it is the Department of the Interior. They have more problems, it seems to me, each day than any other department, with the possible exception of the Internal Revenue Service, and I think they run them a close second. During the time of your troubleshooting, you have performed extremely well.

I want to compliment the President in sending your name forward for this important position replacing a man who has done a great, great service in this field, and that man is Frank Di Luzio. I am frankly sorry to see him retire. I understand the reasons for it. I am happy to know that he is coming to my State because he is a man of tremendous capability and ability. You will have your work cut out for you to fill his shoes.

We have two problems—we have more than two, but two that I think definitely fall under your jurisdiction in the State of Nevada.

At the present time, there is a real critical problem at Lake Mead, and you are familiar with Lake Mead; I have been there with you, myself. There is a definite pollution problem there. Frank Di Luzio started working on it but I am sure that much more work needs to be done.

I urge you to give this the highest possible priority. Lake Mead is becoming more and more polluted. There is algae in the area around the marina. This lake back of Hoover Dam is a great, significant, recreational area.