

The CHAIRMAN. I understand that.

Senator MONRONEY. Fishing worms, minnows, or things of that kind.

The CHAIRMAN. I understand that, but my point is that there is a prohibition in here on the Corps from charging fees for the use of docking facilities, but there is no prohibition on the entrepreneur, the private operator who has such a facility, from charging fees to a person who may wish to use the docking facility to moor his boat.

Senator MONRONEY. For a permanent mooring base. I think it would have no relationship to that because this would be on a concession basis where the concessionaire obviously would be paying an annual rental to the Army Engineers for that special commercial privilege and he and the commercial operator would charge fees that were not above that limit which the Army Engineers usually crank into the contract stating how much can be charged for the private fees.

The CHAIRMAN. Are there any questions of the Senators?

Senator Anderson?

Senator ANDERSON. I just want to say a few words here.

There was a reorganization act passed by the Congress a few years ago to the effect that each such standing committee shall, so far as practical, require all witnesses appearing before it to file in advance a statement of their proposed testimony. You gave one copy. I hope someday we will have a chance to rehear this bill so that we can find out what the background has been. We don't have it at the present time.

Did you participate also in a vote that we had on the tidelands oil matter, Senator Monroney?

Senator MONRONEY. The bills I referred to?

The CHAIRMAN. No. Did you participate in the vote on the tidelands oil matter? That was back in 1953.

Senator MONRONEY. Yes, sir; I certainly did.

Senator ANDERSON. At that time, we tried our best to obtain funds for education. This would take away all these fees, would it not? Would this not change quite a bit the established pattern?

Senator MONRONEY. No. This has to do with the Corps of Engineers and on projects developed with tax money for the Engineers. The tidelands matter, as I recall, was a matter of collecting the revenue in royalty from our declaration in the Tidelands bill that the public lands were all lands lying beyond the 3-mile limit and in the case of Texas, I believe, and one or two other States that claimed historic ownership of the lands out to the 12-mile limit, I believe. This had nothing to do with that.

This is the development of natural resources and the charge that was acceptable to everyone. The question is, who is going to get the result of the charge, whether it be the States that had the tidelands and what their extent of this sovereignty historically was.

Senator ANDERSON. Are the Corps of Engineers opposed to this bill, or Secretary of Interior, or Secretary of Agriculture?

Senator MONRONEY. I can't hear you.

The CHAIRMAN. Are the reports from the executive agencies favorable or unfavorable on the pending measure? I think the answer is that there has been an adverse report filed with the committee on the proposed bill.