

away with, you have an even stronger argument for it where a great deal of the expense is borne by the individual people who use water or power from that particular project. Don't you think this is true?

Senator MONRONEY. I would feel for the recreational uses of your Interior Department projects, particularly reclamation, that we should have the removal of the fee by the Corps of Engineers because the lakes look pretty much alike after they are completed. There would be no reason to charge for one and not charge for the other or not to charge for one and to charge for the other.

Senator ALLOTT. I still have to make up my own mind about this but it seems to me that where you have a project—looking at it purely from an argumentative standpoint—where you have a reclamation project that is paid for to a great extent by private individuals, you have even less of an argument for user fees than you do in a Corps projects which is paid for the General Government.

Senator MONRONEY. I would agree with that.

Senator HARRIS. Could I respond to that by saying that this bill was narrowly restricted to Corps of Engineers projects because of special national policy considerations historically and also particularly because it is a companion measure to an identical bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Edmondson.

Let me say I indicated in my statement both orally and written that I have grave misgivings about the entire entrance and user fee program and I would hope that, given this bill as a vehicle, and S. 1401, which is designed to bring in additional revenue to the fund, and the fact that only 8.9 percent of the fund presently has come from fees while 91.1 percent has come from other sources, it seems to me this would be a good time to review the entire entrance and user fee program.

I point out in particular one project that is very much of concern to me. The Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge in Oklahoma, under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, collected in fees \$11,454. It paid out the following in costs to administer that: Salaries, \$9,800; and first-year cost for collection, booths, signs, equipment, roadways, which will be amortized over several years, \$12,000; for an initial cost of \$21,800, as compared to an income of \$11,454, and in the process excluded a great many poor people from the use of those facilities.

Senator ALLOTT. I am not interested in getting into that matter at this point but I did want to raise the point about reclamation projects, which I think is a maximum issue.

Senator HARRIS. I am very sympathetic with what you have said.

Senator ALLOTT. There is even less justification for charging on a reclamation project, where a major portion of the cost is borne by the private individuals, than charging on a Corps project, where the major portion of the cost is borne by the Government.

That is all I have.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair wishes to state that it indicated at the outset that S. 2828 raises the whole question of user fees. The committee will review the matter de novo. We will go through the whole business. Otherwise, we can't properly reach a conclusion on S. 2828. I think our colleagues from Oklahoma will agree on that.

Senator MONRONEY. I agree completely because we are falling between two Chairs, jurisdiction between two committees, one with recla-