

**STATEMENT OF HON. FRANK CHURCH, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE
STATE OF IDAHO**

Senator CHURCH. I am particularly pleased that the committee has seen fit to consider this measure sponsored by the distinguished chairman and ranking minority member of the committee. This legislation is, in my judgment, an emergency measure vitally necessary to combating the ever-increasing land price escalation problem.

True, we have made significant progress through the land and water conservation fund and other programs designed to enhance this Nation's recreation opportunities, but much more needs to be done.

Senator CHURCH. I would like to stress in my own State of Idaho this is an example of how the land and water conservation funds are used. In my State of Idaho, there are 39 projects totaling over \$2.9 million which have been implemented through this land and water conservation fund. Yet, through fiscal 1967, all of the funds allocated to the State under this act have been obligated and funds apportioned under fiscal 1968 will be obligated by June 30, 1968. It has gotten a good start.

Our State has money available, in fact, more money available, I understand, now, than there is Federal money to match, which is the very thing we hoped to stimulate with this land and water conservation fund. We hope to get the State engaged in outdoor recreation programs. I think this is indicative of the success of the fund that we should now have in my State more State money available than there is matching money when a few years ago there was no appreciable State money available at all for outdoor recreation.

So, I think this certainly bears out the success of this program and represents, in my judgment, an effective partnership of Federal and State Government in this field. During these days of crises abroad and troubles at home, man's need to revive his spirit and refresh his body is of paramount importance. I am pleased to join in support of this legislation.

I should like to enter for the record an excellent article which has been written by Mr. Frank Hewlett, having to do with the use of money from this fund in connection with land acquisition for the Nez Perce National Historical Park with which you are familiar, located in Idaho.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, it is so ordered.
(The document referred to follows:)

PARK SERVICE REPORTS NEZ PERCE SITE STEPS

(By Frank Hewlett)

WASHINGTON.—The land acquisition work is just about completed for northern Idaho's promising new tourist attraction, the novel Nez Perce National Historical Park.

The National Park Service, in a report to Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, author of the Nez Perce park legislation, said the land acquisition has been mainly at Spalding site where it plans to build its administration headquarters. This area was seen first by white men in 1805 by the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Thirty-three years later the Rev. Henry Spalding established a mission among the Nez Perce there, calling the place Lapwai. A century ago it was the site of the Nez Perce Indian Agency and today it includes the village of Spalding and a state park.