

The State of Montana has been an active participant under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Federal funding and participation has made it possible for rehabilitation, expansion and installation of recreational facilities in our towns and cities. Montana is dependent on tourism as a major source of income and the expansion of this program means a great deal to the people at home as well as the hundreds of thousands who travel to the Treasure State each year.

In conclusion, I ask that the text of this letter be included in the printed hearings on S. 1401.

With best personal wishes, I am,
Sincerely yours,

MIKE MANSFIELD.

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, D.C., February 5, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SCOOP: I appreciate your letter of January 31 concerning the hearings on S. 1401, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Although I will be unable to testify in person, I would appreciate having my support of the bill noted in the record of the hearings.

I am fully aware that the Fund has proven inadequate, particularly with regard to land price escalation. Therefore, I feel that your proposal to double the monies in it for a limited period of time is a very desirable solution.

It is a pleasure to assure you that this proposed legislation is supported by the Coordinating Council of Natural Resources; Utah Outdoor Recreation Assistance Agency; and the Utah Recreation and Parks Association.

Kindest personal regards,
Sincerely,

WALLACE F. BENNETT.

The CHAIRMAN. We are very pleased to have as our next witness the Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, and his colleagues.

Mr. Secretary, you have a prepared statement. We may also wish you to respond in connection with some of the questions raised by the discussion of S. 2828.

**STATEMENT OF HON. STEWART L. UDALL, SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR; ACCOMPANIED BY EDWARD C. CRAFTS, DIRECTOR,
BUREAU OF OUTDOOR RECREATION; AND GEORGE B. HARTZOG,
JR., DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

Secretary UDALL. Mr. Chairman, I have with me this morning Dr. Edward Crafts, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and Mr. George Hartzog, Director of the National Park Service.

Mr. Chairman, I should like at the outset to congratulate the committee for giving top priority to this legislation. This is the first hearing that I have participated in in this room in this session of Congress.

I think it is significant that the House is holding hearings tomorrow on this legislation. I intend to testify there.

My own feeling is that this is one of the most vital pieces of conservation legislation to come before the committee this session. I would like to say on the basis of our 3 years of experience I think the conservation fund has been remarkably successful in the last 3 years. It has one big shortcoming, that is the reason we are here today, that there is not enough money in the fund. It has been a national program. All of the States have participated.