

I appreciate your frankness in saying that you do feel the priority of this is in recreation. I don't think it should be emphasized as either/or, but I think a carefully coordinated program where both could benefit.

I am hopeful that the international picture will improve so that we can increase these funds and make funds available to you and your specific program. At the same time, I am hopeful we both can mutually study this proposition that might ultimately cause a conflict between priorities.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Senator Hatfield.

Senator McGovern.

Senator McGovern. Mr. Chairman, I will be very brief.

I just want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Secretary Udall and Dr. Crafts and Mr. Hartzog and their associates and also the senior members of this committee who have made this program possible. I think it is one of the finest single developments that has ever come into our State.

We have about 62 projects in operation now, 38 of them local projects and the rest State projects. I think something over \$2 million has been distributed and another \$400,000 is now in the process of being allocated. It has been of tremendous assistance to South Dakota.

There is one point I am curious about. I believe only about \$9 million of the total funds available come through user fees. In view of the rather small amount that represents in terms of the over-all funds, I am wondering why the Secretary feels as strongly as he apparently does about retaining that source of revenue.

Secretary UDALL. That source of revenue has been about 9 percent. It is about a third of what we hoped for, just to put this in perspective for you, Senator. As you know, some of the national park areas, the larger areas, had user fees prior to the time legislation was enacted.

I think the philosophy of the Congress when this was enacted into law 3½ years ago was that the American people would accept and should accept the idea that in these prime outdoor recreation lands that a modest fee is reasonable. Most of the State park systems in the country, particularly the larger and better ones, have charged fees for years that are substantially higher than these rather modest fees that we charge.

I can say to you, too, that the idea of people having to make a modest payment, I think, give them a little different attitude sometimes with regard to the fact that it does cost money to acquire and to develop recreation areas and maybe like any patron they take a little special care and interest in the result.

But this is the thing we discussed 4 years ago when the legislation was framed and I think our experience has been fairly good although we are disappointed in the extent of revenues, I must confess.

Senator McGovern. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ALLOTT. Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Allott.

Senator ALLOTT. Could I just go into one more point?

At the bottom of page 8, where you refer to the advance contract authority, it is not clear to me in your answer to Senator Kuchel as to how you would handle this with the committee?