

The CHAIRMAN. I understand that. But the burden of the argument this morning was that no fee should be collected on a Corps project which has been set up for recreational purposes. Thus people who can't afford to pay fees would have an opportunity to make full use of it.

Colonel MEANOR. This may lead to a further requirement for clarification. This involves the fact that the Government leases to States certain of its lands for no fee and the States may or may not charge fees for the use of that land. In my statement, this question is raised. We assume it not to apply to fees or charges collected by States on local project areas which have been leased to them. Perhaps the bill needs to be clarified on this point, too.

The CHAIRMAN. Right. We certainly appreciate having your statement.

Senator Allott.

Senator ALLOTT. I am wondering if I can request that you place in the record your experience on an annual basis with the user fees, including the total amount collected and the amount expended to collect these user fees.

Colonel MEANOR. Sir, we have right now for this recreation year, April 1, 1967 to the end of March 1968, some partial figures. I believe the Senator used the figures of approximately \$600,000 earlier this morning. We will not have a final wrap-up on this until after the close of the recreation season on March 31. The only figures we do have now are through August 31, 1967.

Senator ALLOTT. Through the 31st of August 1967?

Colonel MEANOR. That is right.

Senator ALLOTT. Why don't you insert those in the record then? I want to be sure we have them. The figures I was using were taken from another statement.

Colonel MEANOR. There is a figure in the statement, sir.

Senator ALLOTT. What page is it on?

Colonel MEANOR. On page 7, sir, where we state at the top of the page the collections for the period April 1, 1967 to August 31, 1967 are approximately \$600,000, pointing out that this does not include admissions granted by the Golden Eagle passport.

Senator ALLOTT. You say there are gross costs for the same period. I presume you mean costs of collection were roughly equal to the amount collected. Is that right?

Colonel MEANOR. That is right.

To be more accurate, during this period we expended as gross costs for the hiring of extra rangers and extra administrative costs and so forth, about \$648,000. We collected in that same period \$594,000.

Senator ALLOTT. So, your cost of collection actually exceeded your collection by \$50,000.

Colonel MEANOR. On the bare face of it; yes, sir. I think there are two points that ought to be made. One is that there are certain people who use our facilities who come in and go on the Golden Eagle passports that they have bought elsewhere for which income we have not been credited. They may have been bought from some other projects or some other facility.

Also, these rangers we hired, and we did hire additional rangers in 1967, have other duties to perform besides going around and patrolling the areas. They see to the trash pick-up; they see to the safety of the