

(Whereupon, at 12:45 p.m. the committee recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m. the same day.)

AFTER RECESS

(The committee reconvened at 2:15 p.m., Senator Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the committee, presiding.)

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order. The Chair wishes to point out that we have quite a number of witnesses to be heard this afternoon, and we hope that the witnesses, to the extent possible, can summarize their statements, with the understanding, of course, that the statement itself will be included in full.

Our first witness is Dr. Ralph A. MacMullan, representing the National Association of State Liaison Officers for Outdoor Recreation, also director of the Michigan Department of Conservation.

The Chair would first like to introduce Senator Hart, of Michigan, who is to introduce Dr. MacMullan.

STATEMENT OF HON. PHILIP A. HART, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Senator HART. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee; thanks very much for permitting me to do this. I will be very brief.

I do welcome the opportunity to introduce to this committee, Dr. Ralph A. MacMullan, the director of our department of conservation. Dr. MacMullan is also the president of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers and member of the executive committee of the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners.

In our part of the country, and I think increasingly across the country, he is known as a sound administrator, a devoted conservationist and an exceedingly able public servant. I think all of us will benefit from the suggestions he may offer.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, I do want to record my wholehearted support for your bill, S. 1401. You have permitted me to be a cosponsor of your land and water conservation bill in the 88th Congress. I share your enthusiasm for that approach to the preservation of our great natural resources. I am grateful again for your leadership now. I hope that we will take the next step as you propose in S. 1401.

Unhappily, all of us recognize that the funds that have become available under the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act have been nowhere near enough to meet our most minimal obligations in terms of saving outdoor recreation lands for future generations. I speak very selfishly and parochially now.

When I approached the chairman of the House Interior Committee urging action on the Sleeping Bear Dunes bill that you and your committee twice supported favorably, he asked me, "Where is the money?"

There is the concrete and compelling reason why we need S. 1401. I am not agreeing that we cannot have a Sleeping Bear Dunes Lakeshore without this bill. But I emphasize the fact without this bill the Bear and a great many other areas of great beauty and value cannot be obtained. Without this bill, they may well be lost.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you for your very fine statement. The Chair wishes to express his appreciation to you for your long and consistent