

Mr. FIGGE. Thank you, sir.

Senator ALLOTT. Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Allott?

Senator ALLOTT. Before he starts, we are very happy to have Mr. Figge with us today. He is chief of the land acquisition and development of the Fish and Parks Department of the State of Colorado, and I have already spoken to him privately. I usurped a part of one short paragraph of his material this morning because I wanted to ask the Secretary about it, and he has also mentioned several other things that I hope he will comment on this afternoon.

The CHAIRMAN. Very fine. Mr. Figge, would you proceed?

STATEMENT OF HARRY J. FIGGE, LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT CHIEF, STATE OF COLORADO GAME, FISH, AND PARKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. FIGGE. Mr. Chairman, I will make this brief, but I do appreciate the opportunity of reading a portion of this into the record. I do represent Harry R. Woodward, who is director of the Colorado Game, Fish, and Parks Department, and is the designated State liaison officer administering land and water conservation funds in Colorado.

Mr. Woodward also is a member of the executive board of the National Association of State Outdoor Recreation Liaison Officers.

I want to point out at the beginning that in the figures that I give for the amount of land and water conservation funds appropriated in Colorado there is an apparent discrepancy that I have not resolved. I showed a figure of \$2,066,850. I find that there is an indication of \$2,900,000 that has already been appropriated.

The CHAIRMAN. You can submit a letter to the committee on that when you have resolved the discrepancy.

Mr. FIGGE. There has been a lot of evidence presented that there has not been enough money appropriated to the land and water conservation fund. In order to accomplish the purposes envisioned in the passage of this act, it is evident that there is a need for a substantial increase in land and water funds. A tremendous interest has been generated by political subdivisions to acquire and establish outdoor recreation areas, since the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 was passed. Political subdivisions that were faulting the State for taking land off the tax rolls for recreation now are in the job themselves, because of the land and water funds.

We do concur in Secretary Udall's recommendation in his letter of January 4, 1968, to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, wherein he recommends that the level of financing of the land and water conservation fund be increased. We would recommend, however, a higher ceiling than the \$200 million per year which he recommends because of the urgency to acquire and develop areas before it is too late.

We have not set a limit, believing that the committee would have better information to set a limit. I appear here today to support S. 1401, provided that the original concept of the land and water conservation fund be maintained. This concept was that not more than 40 percent of the land and water conservation funds be used for Fed-