

NORTH DAKOTA STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION AGENCY,  
Bismarck, N. Dak., January 30, 1968.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,  
U.S. Senator,  
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: The North Dakota State Outdoor Recreation Agency on January 26, 1968 adopted a resolution in support of S. 1401. If enacted, S. 1401 will amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide increased revenue through additional sources.

A copy of the Agency's resolution is enclosed.

The principal purpose of the bill is to help overcome the problem of rapidly increasing cost of land for public park and recreation areas. This bill can permit early action to save many outstanding areas for our future generations.

S. 1401 will benefit North Dakota and the nation. I urge your support.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM L. GUY,  
Governor and Chairman.

RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH DAKOTA STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION AGENCY

Whereas, S. 1401 is presently being considered by the 90th Congress; and

Whereas, if enacted, this bill will provide that from July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1972 all receipts which are currently deposited in miscellaneous receipts of the U.S. Treasury and which are collected from mineral leasing of public lands and Outer Continental Shelf Lands and all such receipts collected by the Department of Agriculture from national forests and national grasslands shall be deposited in the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and

Whereas, deposits of such receipts will total between \$180 million and \$480 million annually; and

Whereas, in view of the ever-increasing demands for public outdoor recreation projects and the resulting increase in land costs, this additional revenue to the Land and Water Conservation Fund will allow the acquisition of lands required for outdoor recreation projects before the costs of such lands increase even more and become economically infeasible for development.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the North Dakota State Outdoor Recreation Agency in meeting this twenty sixth day of January, 1968, that the United States Congress is respectfully urged to enact S. 1401 at the earliest possible date.

Be it further resolved, that the Governor of North Dakota be requested to forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior, to U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson, and to all members of North Dakota's Congressional Delegation.

WILLIAM L. GUY,  
Governor and Chairman.

Attest:

MILO W. HOISVEEN,  
Executive Officer.

STATEMENT OF OSCAR N. BERG, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, NORTH DAKOTA WATER  
USERS ASSOCIATION

I am Oscar N. Berg, Minot, North Dakota and serve as Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Water Users Association. This is a voluntary, non-profit organization, with a membership of 3,000 farmers, business and professional people, interested in all phases of soil and water resources development.

We, as a group, support S. 1401, which provides that from July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1972, all receipts which are currently deposited in miscellaneous receipts of the U.S. Treasury and which are collected from mineral leasing of public lands and Outer Continental Shelf Lands and all such receipts collected by the Department of Agriculture from national forest and national grasslands, shall be deposited in the Land and Water Conservation Fund. These deposits will total between \$180 million and \$480 million annually and this will enable the acquisition of lands for outdoor recreation projects before values increase wherein it becomes economically unfeasible and uneconomic for acquisition and development.

The North Dakota Water Users Association, in view of our rapidly increasing population and the resultant demand for recreational development in both urban