

and rural areas, believe that this is a national investment that will contribute to the present and future generations in social and cultural values.

We respectfully urge that this legislation be enacted at the earliest date because of the urgency in meeting the financial demands for outdoor recreation development in all areas of the United States. This legislation, we believe, is in the national interest!

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Greenslit, I would like to ask you just one question. Are you giving priority in your State program to land acquisition?

Mr. GREENSLIT. Our No. 1 priority, sir, is land acquisition.

The CHAIRMAN. Of course you have to have a certain amount of development with it, but you are giving first priority to land acquisition?

Mr. GREENSLIT. That is right.

The CHAIRMAN. Very good.

I have no further questions. I want to thank you gentlemen very much. Mr. Hoisveen, do you wish to be heard?

Mr. HOISVEEN. Yes, sir; I do.

The CHAIRMAN. A formal statement?

Mr. HOISVEEN. Yes, sir; I do.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

STATEMENT OF MILO W. HOISVEEN, STATE ENGINEER AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NORTH DAKOTA STATE OUTDOOR RECREATION AGENCY

Mr. HOISVEEN. I am Milo Hoisveen, State engineer and executive director of the North Dakota State Outdoor Recreation Agency. It has been my privilege to appear before a number of your committee members on several occasions. However, this is my first opportunity to appear before you in behalf of outdoor recreation as handled by the newly created Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

My association in the field of waterbased outdoor recreation dates back to 1931 when I made a number of surveys in connection with lake improvement for recreation purposes. Oddly enough the opportunity to develop some of these areas did not present itself until funds became available under the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation grants and aid program. This program, besides enhancing the construction of a multitude of local outdoor recreation projects, has been most helpful in developing water-based recreation at both the State and local level.

We believe that we in North Dakota pioneered the water-oriented dam construction projects with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. In most instances the water-based outdoor recreation projects are multiple purpose in scope and involve as many as five State and local agencies cooperating with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. These are usually multipurpose projects and may include swimming, boating, fishing, wildlife, and a municipal water supply. Formulas are developed relative to an equitable distribution of costs. Through this system we are able to assure the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation that none of their funds are used to facilitate features of reservoirs used for purposes other than recreation. I can say that it did take a great deal of negotiating to convince the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation that their funds would not be used to implement other programs. I am glad to