

report their concern, as this, of course, is the way it should be. It is most interesting and gratifying to view the enthusiasm with which the citizenry of North Dakota has received and participated in the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation program. Small communities which had little to offer their youth in the way of outdoor recreation have found it possible to budget funds whereby they can and will develop and maintain such projects. Added Federal funds are required to match the acute demand for State and local projects.

The amount in grants received by North Dakota is not as great as many of our States because of our rather sparse population but it has been significant and greatly appreciated. It has stimulated youth programs, enhanced almost all forms of recreation, aided in attracting tourists and provided vacation areas for citizens who cannot afford out-of-State vacations.

As executive director of the State outdoor recreation, which is comprised of 12 interested State agencies, I urge that you recommend S. 1401 for prompt passage.

In accordance with the telephone conversation held last night, the North Dakota Association of Water Management Districts requested me to indicate their endorsement of S. 1401. The districts are 43 in number, and 33 are countywide in scope.

Thank you.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. Hoisveen. We appreciate having your statement, as well as Mr. Greenslit's. It is very helpful.

The Chair wishes to announce that it has received a letter from Senator Eastland which he asks be included in the record, strongly endorsing the pending measure, S. 1401.

(The letter referred to follows:)

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
Washington, D.C., January 30, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I want to commend you on the introduction of S. 1401 to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 and for setting hearings to bring this legislation to the attention of the Congress.

Certainly the establishment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund was a step forward in meeting the increasing needs for outdoor recreation. However, as in most legislation, it is impossible to visualize the degree of utilization of the authorizations contained therein and the tremendous response on the part of the people using these facilities has been such that additional financing is necessary to meet present and future requirements.

The fact that the Federal Government under this Act is assisting the states in providing facilities for outdoor recreation could, in many instances, cause land speculators to purchase potential sites in the hope of exorbitant profits. The provision in your bill that would make available immediate financing for the purchase of future recreational areas is certainly in the taxpayers' interest in holding costs to an absolute minimum.

An additional benefit of the legislation would be that long-range planning for the development of recreational facilities in areas of greatest need can be approached with certainty on the part of those responsible for providing such facilities within the states. The Land and Water Conservation Fund is indefinite as to the amount of financing that will be available in any given year because of the fluctuation of the sales of federal land allocated to this purpose. Your bill will insure a specific amount so that these planners can proceed with the knowledge that a sufficient amount of money will be available during the limited period of the bill's application. The source of these funds from offshore oil is one of the best investments that can be made in the interest of all the