

people. Certainly the offshore oil from those areas clearly under federal control belongs to all of the citizens of the United States and the use of these funds as you have proposed in the legislation would provide for a proper distribution of these resources to the inland states that would otherwise not benefit from the offshore resources.

Please make this letter a part of the hearings, and I urge you to expedite consideration of this legislation upon the completion of the hearings so that order can be brought to our outdoor recreational program.

I offer my full support toward the early enactment of this vitally important and beneficial measure.

With personal regards,

Sincerely,

JAMES O. EASTLAND,
U.S. Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Also we have received a statement from Maurice K. Goddard, secretary of forests and waters, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which we will include in the record at this point.

This statement was sent over by Senator Scott, of Pennsylvania, who strongly supports this legislation. He is also a cosponsor of S. 1401.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF MAURICE K. GODDARD, SECRETARY OF FORESTS AND WATERS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Committee, my name is Maurice K. Goddard. I am Secretary of Pennsylvania's Department of Forests and Waters, and among other functions, I am responsible to the Governor for the administration of the Pennsylvania State Park System. I welcome the opportunity to express my views on Senate 1401, purpose of which is to amend Title I of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, thereby authorizing deposits to the Land and Water Conservation Fund from outer continental shelf oil receipts, for recreational uses.

The history of Pennsylvania's Outdoor Recreation Programs may be briefly outlined to emphasize the established Federal-State-Local partnerships, and to point to consequential aggressive action, in outdoor recreation.

In response to obvious public demand, our General Assembly has provided General Fund capital development moneys for State park purposes on an expanding basis since the early 1950's, even though the dollar competition among State agencies and other programs remains acute.

To augment the General Fund appropriations, the General Assembly also provided a special fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, some twelve years ago, which set aside revenues (received from oil and gas lease rents and royalties on State Forest lands), for the acquisition and development of new State park lands. Some \$16.5 million dollars have been expended to date from that special fund.

Through our General State Authority (a bond sale program), financial capacity for the development of State park lands, was increased to a point where \$19 million dollars was authorized for the 1965-67 Biennium.

The increasing need for an intensive and extensive land acquisition program was recognized, and in 1964, enabling legislation was authorized, which provided \$70 million dollars for State and local governments to acquire lands for recreation, conservation and historical purposes.

I am happy to inform you that on January 19, 1968, significant enabling legislation was signed by Governor Raymond P. Shafer to provide funding capacity for the acquisition and development of State and local outdoor recreation areas, in the amount of \$200 million dollars. The Act also provides \$200 million dollars for reclaiming abandoned strip mine areas, the elimination of acid mine drainage, the problems arising from subsidence, underground mine fires and \$100 million dollars for financial assistance to communities to assist in construction of sewage treatment facilities.

I believe that these major programs dynamically illustrate the Commonwealth's accelerated responses to the amplified awareness and needs of a growing population.