

fund is of greater urgency than the land acquisition needs of the Federal agencies. On the contrary, we feel that the fund must be augmented for the benefit of the Federal programs as well. As a matter of congressional funding policy, we think the Federal share of the land and water conservation fund should be regarded as a floor rather than a ceiling—that it should be a minimum, to be augmented as necessary by direct appropriations from the General Treasury. Certainly the need for national parks, forests, recreation areas, and wildlife refuges is just as important as—and probably even more urgent than—land reclamation, waterways development, and similar public works programs.

As naive as it may sound, I submit that if the land and water conservation fund can be adequately financed, as proposed by S. 1401, the question of the Federal-non-Federal distribution ratio will become virtually immaterial. Although this ratio is not an issue of this particular legislation, I would, however, like to state that the division of 40 percent Federal—60 percent non-Federal, as currently provided, appears to be an equitable distribution in terms of the overall need.

So that we all—Federal, State, and local—may get on with the job of providing outdoor recreational opportunity for all America, I strongly urge that favorable action be taken on S.1401, and sincerely hope that it will be enacted into law by this session of Congress.

I greatly appreciate the courtesy of this audience and thank you for your consideration.

The CHAIRMAN. A very fine statement, Mr. Landrum. Do you have a 5- or 10-year program of development? What do you anticipate in Florida? As is California, you are somewhat affected by the tremendous growth in population.

Mr. LANDRUM. Yes, we are trying to meet our needs now by projecting to 1975 as a logical target date. It is far enough away to give us a little bit of running room, and yet it is close enough so that we can estimate with some degree of accuracy.

We estimate, Mr. Chairman, it will take roughly a quarter of a billion dollars for us to meet our needs.

The CHAIRMAN. Your program is up substantially since the enactment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Mr. LANDRUM. Tremendously.

The CHAIRMAN. It has given real impetus and encouragement to the local municipalities to get in and participate?

Mr. LANDRUM. Very definitely.

The CHAIRMAN. Fine. Thank you very much.

Mr. Carl Bradford, senior recreation planner, planning and research division, West Virginia Department of Commerce, is the next witness.

STATEMENT OF CARL L. BRADFORD, SENIOR RECREATION PLANNER, STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. BRADFORD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I am appearing before you today to express the interests of Gov. Hulett C. Smith and Commerce Commissioner Angus E. Peyton in the passage of Senate bill 1401.