

Now, however, we find increasing use of land and water conservation fund moneys to construct swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds, etc., in the cities. We protest this use of the fund as being outside the original intent. We do not contest the social need within the inner cities but contend that this should properly be a responsibility of HUD, not of the Interior Department. We urge that the committee take note of this developing problem and move to correct it. Unfortunately, the very limited dollars in the land and water conservation fund—even if augmented by the means being considered here, now, as we urge—will produce a very faint “bang for the buck” in the inner cities. By contrast, and of greater long-range significance to the residents of inner cities, they can produce a very loud “bang for the buck” if expended outside those areas.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and your committee, for hearing the views of the Sport Fishing Institute. We trust that an adequate review of the direction of this program will result in a redirection more within the context of the original intent of the act, bolstered by the added revenues as proposed in this amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Philip Bergen, Save the Dunes Council, Beverly Shores, Ind., in lieu of Mr. Harold Olin.

STATEMENT OF PHILIP R. BERGEN, SAVE THE DUNES COUNCIL

Mr. BERGEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Maybe you can give the high points of your statement and just cover those matters that have not been alluded to by other witnesses, and then the entire statement can go into the record.

Mr. BERGEN. Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

My name is Philip Bergen, and I am a member of the Save the Dunes Council, which is concerned largely with recently established Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, and I am also chairman of a committee set up by the residents of the town of Beverly Shores, Ind., which is now entirely encompassed by the national lakeshore, to cooperate with and lend active support to the National Park Service, and I speak personally as a retired Federal employee who resides in the area encompassed by the national park, and who has a deep personal feeling for the area.

When Mr. Olin was unable to attend, I was asked by Mr. Merrill D. Ormes, the first vice president of the Save the Dunes Council, to make this presentation.

The text of the presentation is as follows:

Save the Dunes Council congratulates this committee for its initiative in and passage of the original Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. This organization supported that bill strongly for a number of reasons:

1. We felt that it was a strong conservation bill in general.
2. Users of outdoor recreation and park areas should pay fees to cover part of the costs of these facilities.
3. The States needed financial help throughout the country in providing more park land.
4. With Congress passage of several new national park and national seashore bills prior to enactment of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and with the need for still more of such areas, there was an