

cent Federal basis, including any new funds which may be diverted to the program.

Mr. Chairman, I request permission to have included in the record of this hearing the full text of the Great Lakes Commission resolution of November 21, 1967.

It is a pleasure to appear in support of this legislation, and the Great Lakes Commission appreciates the opportunity to appear before this committee.

(The material referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION OF THE GREAT LAKES COMMISSION

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Whereas, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act is the most significant State-Federal cooperative program and was founded on the following basic propositions:

1. That opportunities for outdoor recreation are becoming increasingly important as our population becomes more and more urbanized.

2. That our usable outdoor recreation resources are lagging behind the growth in the population of the Nation and in that population's leisure time.

3. That it is important that presently available lands which are suitable for outdoor recreation purposes be preserved or acquired for public use within the very near future before they become either completely unavailable or prohibitively costly.

4. That a major portion of the work to be done in preserving and acquiring such resources and making them available for public use lies with the States and their subdivisions.

5. That it is proper to create a special continuing funds from which appropriations can be made to assist the States in this work and to supplement appropriations presently available to the Federal agencies for this type of activity.

6. That it is proper that a portion of the cost of providing such resources should be borne directly by their users and that it is equally proper that other portions be borne from specified sources; viz., Federal taxes on motorboat fuels and proceeds from the sale of surplus Federal property.

Whereas, there is a growing concern by State and Federal agencies over the escalation in land prices; and

Whereas, the most effective means of controlling land price escalation is to acquire needed lands promptly after authorization; and

Whereas, new and important sources of additional revenue are needed if the Fund is to provide the urgently needed outdoor recreational lands and facilities; and

Whereas, legislation (S. 1401 and other bills) are being considered by the Congress which would deposit into the Fund all receipts from the mineral leasing laws and the outer Continental Shelf Lands laws.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Great Lakes Commission endorse this legislation which would give new impetus to the Fund; and

Be it further resolved that the division of funds continue to be on a 60% State, 40% Federal basis including any advance appropriation funds; and

Be it further resolved that the Great Lakes Commission oppose all efforts to exempt Corps of Engineer project areas from the entrance fee requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

Approved November 21, 1967.

Senator CHURCH. That completes the list of those witnesses scheduled to testify today. If there is any witness here who would be greatly inconvenienced by waiting over, and who is scheduled to testify tomorrow, and would like to testify now, I would be glad to hear them. It is still 10 minutes of 4, and I will continue the hearing until 4 o'clock to accommodate anybody who is in special need.