

The Virginia Travel Council respectfully points out that Virginia is the playground for millions of citizens of the District of Columbia, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and the New York areas. Therefore, the program of outdoor recreation expansion we plan will not only be enjoyed by Virginians, but will be vital to the well being of vast populations near us. For this reason, Virginia must build its recreational facilities for a market much greater than that of local patronage alone.

The past two years show that Virginia has made a tremendous leap forward in its recreational development. Virginia's proximity to populations along our Eastern Seaboard indicates that every agency of government must coordinate their activities and concentrate on the development of outdoor recreational facilities where they are most urgently needed.

Your careful consideration of this request is respectfully asked.

Senator CHURCH. It is 7 minutes of 4. We have time enough for one other witness, if someone would care to testify today, rather than wait.

**STATEMENT OF ANSON O. COURTER, CHAIRMAN, CONSERVATION
COMMITTEE OF THE POTOMAC APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB**

Mr. COURTER. I don't have my written statement with me. Could I submit that tomorrow?

Senator CHURCH. Certainly.

Mr. COURTER. I have very little to say. I am chairman of the conservation committee of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.

Senator CHURCH. Would you give your name, first of all.

Mr. COURTER. Anson O. Courter, C-o-u-r-t-e-r.

Senator CHURCH. Yes.

Mr. COURTER. And the council of the trail club is delighted to commend the sponsors of this bill. We recognize that this bill is not going to create revenues where no revenues existed before. But we believe that the need for acquisition of additional lands for National and State parks, forests, and recreation areas is as great as any need presented with the budget. We also believe that the people, both State and Federal, charged with the responsibility of doing this work are as responsible fiscally as any you will find in the service of the Government.

I think we have only one suggestion. If it should be advisable to include in this bill provisions for the exchange of lands within a unit, we ask that that be done only after a public hearing.

Thank you. I am glad you could give me the opportunity to speak.

Senator CHURCH. It is a pleasure to hear from you, and if you will just submit your written testimony, it will be included in the record.

Mr. COURTER. Thank you.

Senator CHURCH. Is there any other witness who would like to be heard now? If not, the committee will stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and the hearing will continue.

(Whereupon, at 3:55 p.m. the committee recessed to reconvene at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 6, 1968.)