

the Seashore exempted from condemnation improved residential property, which was controlled by local zoning ordinances meeting standards set by the Secretary of the Interior. Improved residential property means single-family housing begun before September 1, 1959 on at least three acres of land. The 1959 date was chosen to correspond to the day the legislation was first introduced by Senator John F. Kennedy.

I would like, Mr. Chairman, to append a somewhat more detailed statement on the Cape Cod National Seashore land holding situation to this statement, for inclusion in the hearing record.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Before I conclude, let me point out what many have suggested is an anomaly in S. 1401. The revenues to be added to the Land and Water Conservation Fund would come in part from rents and royalties from mineral leases on the continental shelf. Eighteen months ago, oil companies using explosives in exploring for oil killed millions of fish on the Grand Banks and Georges Banks, off the coast of New England. Since then, the Department of the Interior has coordinated the work of two of its Bureaus, so that licenses for exploration on the continental shelf will not permit use of explosives if fish or other wildlife would be endangered.

It has been suggested that some percentage of the rents and royalties from the continental shelf be applied to fisheries research and vessel construction subsidies. There is a certain unassailable logic in this, as I am sure you will recognize. Further, under the Administration's proposed revision of S. 1401, not all of the rents and royalties would be transferred to the Land and Water Conservation Fund—only an amount necessary to make a total of \$200 million a year. It would not, then, be entirely inappropriate or inconsistent to provide that some part of the residue of the receipts from the continental shelf be assigned to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, after the requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund have been met.

I know the distinguished Chairman of this Committee is as concerned as I am that the funds available to the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries have been so limited by budgetary constraints. For example, no funds are requested for fiscal 1969 for Columbia River fishing facilities, or, for that matter, for any fishery facilities. Use of receipts from the continental shelf could help significantly.

I will discuss this matter with the Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee Senator Magnuson, to see if there is a way of making the residue of the continental shelf receipts available for fisheries programs. This is, as I have said, entirely consistent with the purposes of S. 1401 as endorsed by the Administration, and would in no way disrupt its operation.

CONCLUSION

At this point, let me reemphasize my support for S. 1401. It represents a thoughtful and measured response to a serious and difficult problem. To illustrate: While the Administration has recommended that the Land and Water Conservation Fund be financed at a level of \$200 million annually, budgetary pressures have required an appropriations request for 1969 of only \$130 million—\$70 million less than the acknowledged need. This \$130 million request is composed of \$100 million from special fund sources, and \$30 million from general fund sources. If S. 1401 were enacted promptly, then the needed \$70 million could readily be made available from the continental shelf revenues. Then, the programmed acquisition of park and recreation lands could be made without disruption, at lower cost, and more rapidly.

For these reasons, I hope that S. 1401 is enacted without delay.

In his inaugural address, President Theodore Roosevelt said:

"We have faith that we shall not prove false to the memories of the men of the mighty past. They did their work, and they left us the splendid heritage we now enjoy. We in our turn have an assured confidence that we shall be able to leave this heritage unwasted and enlarged to our children and our children's children."

That says very well what is at stake.

We must continue to act, without hesitation and delay, in establishing our park and recreation system. S. 1401 is a firm and determined step in that direction. I am pleased to have the opportunity to support it.