

generally throughout Cape Cod. This will inevitably increase the cost of land to the Federal Government.

Senator ALLOTT. I had the good fortune, perhaps, to go through the entire Cape Cod matter, including inspections of sites and everything like that, from the time Senator Kennedy and Senator Saltonstall introduced that bill. We did work out many innovations there, but I don't think we have yet found the solution to the speculation problem, which is going to eat up, unless we find a way of controlling it, a great portion of the fund no matter what we do.

Senator KENNEDY. Yes.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Jordan?

Senator JORDAN. Mr. Chairman, I would ask the Senator if he would agree that the States could show some initiative in acquiring these lands. I recall one proposal we had in North Carolina where the State had acquired the whole reach of land that we needed and made it available to the Federal Government.

I think if the State could show some real initiative here and move in when they see a desirable project, go in with options or outright purchases, if that is possible, then in that way they could not only show their interest, but they would prevent this land escalation that just prices us completely out of all reason once the Federal agencies move.

Do you agree that the States might show some real initiative here and help the cause along?

Senator KENNEDY. I think they should, certainly. But I think that with the increased activity of the Federal Government in this area and the tremendous pressures on State and local revenues, I suppose it is asking a tremendous amount from them.

I think we should certainly expect that as we look for new and imaginative ways of supplementing national parks, or finding new ways for the utilization of outdoor recreation and open spaces, that the States be more creative and imaginative.

I would certainly hope they would be.

There are a number of different areas throughout Cape Cod that will be lost in the not too distant future unless there is either State or Federal action. And there is certainly nothing on the horizon.

I would certainly hope the States would be more creative in that area.