

I urgently request that your committee take any action necessary to prevent passage of S. 2828 or any similar legislation which will weaken one of the most rewarding programs we have in our nation. I also request that this letter be made a part of your records.

Very truly yours,

ELMO J. DERICCO,
Director.

The CHAIRMAN. Our next witness is J. W. Penfold, of the Izaak Walton League. Joe, we are delighted to have you before the committee once again, and we appreciate having your statement.

**STATEMENT OF J. W. PENFOLD, CONSERVATION DIRECTOR OF THE
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE**

Mr. PENFOLD. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is a privilege, of course, to appear before this committee.

I am J. W. Penfold, the conservation director of the Izaak Walton League. The league is a national organization of citizens dedicated to building a better outdoor America. Over the years we have been closely involved with the development of the Federal role in outdoor recreation. I am here today to present the league's position in support of S. 1401.

We want to thank the chairman and the committee for scheduling this legislation so early in the session, because we believe its enactment to be crucial to important park and recreation projects which Congress will consider this year.

The league worked hard to assist in the creation of the land and water conservation fund. We felt then and we feel today that the Fund should not mark an upper limit on total Federal recreation expenditures.

The situation is now critical. The testimony yesterday put all kinds of figures into the record, so I will not repeat any of them, except to say that if this rate of expenditures were to continue for the next few years, the result would be obvious. You would have a great many more parks and recreation areas on paper than in fact.

At such a rate, the allocation to the Park Service would not go very far in acquiring the Redwoods, the North Cascades, the Apostle Islands, the system of scenic rivers, and a national system of trails, projects which the President just last week urged be authorized by Congress "* * *" to safeguard our scenic and historic areas and anticipate the resource needs of future generations." Additionally, there are large tracts yet to be purchased in recently authorized areas—23 by the 89th Congress alone—and substantial inholdings in some of the older units, including 60,000 acres in Everglades National Park, which should be acquired promptly. Sleeping Bear Dunes, Biscayne Bay, and Great Salt Lake are examples of other worthwhile projects in the pipeline.

The fund must be augmented, and we are very happy that the administration recognizes this fact and has made a positive recommendation to accomplish it.

We do not believe, however, Mr. Chairman, that the administration proposals go far enough. While we recognize our costly foreign commitments and other essential domestic programs, we do not concur with the arbitrary fund ceiling of \$200 million per year as an