

I think this puts before you, and before the other gentlemen who are here, some of the really basic problems that we face. It is not your obligation to determine these priorities, but it is certainly ours, if not the administration's.

Mr. PENFOLD. Senator, I would like to make a very brief comment on that, if I may.

Certainly, having had a bunch of kids and a very large crop of grandchildren, I am quite aware of the problem of education. But I would point out that in this country of ours the outdoors has been a very important part of the education of the American human being for 400 years.

I think that part of our responsibility, from an educational standpoint, if nothing else, is to make the outdoors available to every one of our 200 million people.

Now, obviously we cannot do this all at once, and everybody cannot have the privilege of living in Colorado or New Mexico or Wyoming. But, gracious, we certainly should be doing our utmost to give every youngster an opportunity to have some experience in a decent outdoor environment. I think this is a fundamental objective of the land and water conservation fund and also of S. 1401.

Senator ALLOTT. I don't quarrel with your fundamental premise. I am glad to sort of claim Joe as a Coloradan, anyway.

Mr. PENFOLD. I am very proud of that, too.

Senator ALLOTT. I just wanted to pose for the record some of the problems we face here.

Senator BURDICK (presiding). Senator Jordan?

Senator JORDAN. No questions.

Senator HANSEN. I have one question. I want to preface it by complimenting you and the Izaak Walton League for what you are doing.

A number of years ago the Izaak Walton League spearheaded the movement which resulted in the national wildlife refuge in my home county of Teton. And had it not been for the efforts of the Izaak Walton League, I am not certain at all we would have the winter home for animals we have today.

I am not asking you to comment upon the wisdom of the collection of user fees in instances wherein it has been demonstrated that it costs more to collect them than is received in the way of revenue. But in the larger share of instances wherein it does bring in additional revenue, what is your feeling on the wisdom of user fees?

Mr. PENFOLD. We have supported the theory of user fees, Senator Hansen, right from the beginning.

I think there are all kinds of conceptions of what these fees are. And, basically, our thought has been right from the beginning that the user fees should be where an individual is making use of a developed facility of some sort, in contrast with his right as a citizen to walk out in a national forest or walk into a national park. But we do not support entrance fees as such. We think these Federal areas should be available to every citizen.

Senator HANSEN. If I may, let me ask one further question, Mr. Penfold.

Do you commend the action that was taken by the State of Washington in the passage of a bond issue to make additional funds available for the purchase of recreational lands?