

clause contains implications which could lead to serious nonconforming uses within or adjacent to the park land or refuge involved. It is not our intention to question the Secretary's authority to lease lands where the proposed use of the land will not conflict with the purposes of the park or refuge, but we do question the open authority of a public land agency to sell outright lands which could be developed in a way that could adversely affect a recreation or wildlife area.

Similarly, we oppose the inclusion in this proposed legislation of section 2(b) as it is written. It is our understanding that this section is being rewritten to clarify its intention. We hope that it will be redrafted in a way that will not pave the way for administrative exchange of lands, and that if such exchanges or sales are deemed necessary, public hearings will be held in the area wherein the unit lies and in Washington, D.C., before a decision is made on such an action.

Thank you for the opportunity to present these views.

Senator BURDICK. Mrs. J. D. Duve, chairman of legislation, National Council of State Garden Clubs, is next.

**STATEMENT OF MRS. J. D. DUVE, CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATION,
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE GARDEN CLUBS**

Mrs. DUVE. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the opportunity to come here this morning.

I am Helen D. Duve of Frederick, Md., and chairman for legislation of the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

I respectfully request permission that my comments be made a part of the record of these hearings on behalf of my organization.

Senator BURDICK. It is so ordered.

Mrs. DUVE. We strongly recommend the enactment of S. 1401 with the amendments set forth for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act. Our organization, with over one-half million members, all of whom are volunteers, and from all of the 50 States, are dedicated to the study of wise use of our natural resources, waterways, parks, forests, and historic landmarks. We are aware of the great assistance given to the funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act over the last 3 years, and for the incentive of our citizens to help themselves. We know there is now a need for additional funds to purchase park and recreation land and for their development.

After careful review of the provisions of S. 1401, we feel that enactment of this bill can assure additional funds to take care of escalating prices of lands, and will help to assure the successful continuance of this great program for both the States and the Federal Government.

We believe that this sort of work begins at home, and all of our members are urged to affiliate themselves in some way with local committees, and I have done just that, since I am from Frederick County, Md., by becoming a member of the parks and recreation commission of that county.

We are just an hour away from Washington, and we feel that we have a great many visitors who come north from the area of Washington, as well as the great need within our own locality for recreational facilities.

We have already, in Frederick County, acquired some 16 areas for parks and recreation, and have had assistance from the land and