# LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND ACT AMENDMENTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1968

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
*Washington, D.C.*

The committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:10 a.m., in room 3110, New Senate Office Building, Senator Henry M. Jackson (chairman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Senators Henry M. Jackson, Washington; Clinton P. Anderson, New Mexico; Frank E. Moss, Utah; Quentin N. Burdick, North Dakota; Thomas H. Kuchel, California; Len B. Jordan, Idaho; and Clifford P. Hansen, Wyoming.

Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; Stewart French, chief counsel; Roy M. Whitacre and Porter Ward, professional staff members; and E. Lewis Reid, minority counsel.

The CHAIRMAN. The committee will come to order.

This is a continuation of the public hearings held by the Senate Interior Committee on February 5 and 6 on bills to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

These measures are S. 1401, a bill that the chairman introduced along with other members of this committee, which would make much-needed new revenues available for the land and water conservation fund; S. 2828, Senator Harris' bill that would prohibit the collection of the admission or user fees for which the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act provides at any Corps of Engineers water facilities; and S. 531, sponsored by our able colleague on the committee, Senator Kuchel, the primary provisions of which are incorporated into S. 1401.

The texts of these measures, together with the report and comment of the executive agencies already have been placed in this hearing record.

There also was referred to the committee and is pending before it, S. 1826, a bill sponsored by the distinguished junior Senator from Louisiana, Senator Russell Long. S. 1826 is directly related to the subject matter of these hearings today because both it and S. 1401 would make use of the revenues from mineral leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf, but for different purposes.

S. 1401 would dedicate these outer shelf revenues, for a strictly limited period of 5 years, to the land and water conservation fund. Included would be the Federal share of funds held in escrow from disputed areas.

S. 1826 would divide the outer shelf revenues among the States. Thirty-seven and one-half percent of these revenues would go to the