

Now here a 15-year period has elapsed, and we find certain rights being asserted that I don't think exist out there at all. President Truman had vetoed previous giveaway bills, and did as long as he was the President. After he was out, and another President was in, there was a possibility the States' bill could pass. We filibustered for a long time, I am frank to say about it. We filibustered to make sure that the Continental Shelf was not going to be taken away from the people of this country.

Senator Hill brought his "oil for the lamps of learning" amendment up and we accepted it in the Senate.

Governor McKEITHEN. We don't advocate taking it away from the people of the country, Senator, we just advocate giving the States that support them a larger share than the other States get, who don't have that responsibility.

Senator ANDERSON. We debated for a long time how far out the boundaries were, and got the advice of special geographers. We were assured there was sulfur out there; we had oil leases piled up, millions of dollars worth. Men invested because they knew of the oil production in Louisiana and Texas, and they had money to drill.

Governor McKEITHEN. We are not advocating, Senator, that all that money should be given to us. We are advocating merely that the States from whose coasts this production is being developed should have a larger share than those that do not bear that responsibility.

Senator ANDERSON. But your larger share is based on Outer Continental Shelf operations, and you don't own a foot of it.

Governor McKEITHEN. I did not understand you, sir.

Senator ANDERSON. You are talking about the development on the Continental Shelf.

Governor McKEITHEN. Yes, sir.

Senator ANDERSON. You don't own a foot of it. That is the Federal Government's area.

Governor McKEITHEN. Sir?

Senator ANDERSON. That is the Government's area. There are several States, like Wyoming and Montana, and other States, that have oil production from Federal land. They say, "Why don't you give the oil to us, since it is located in lands underneath our own boundaries?"

The State of Wyoming, at that time, would have been entitled to about \$103 million, or \$105 million; the State of New Mexico over a hundred million dollars.

Those claims were not recognized. I supported the bill that was introduced at that time by Senator Hunt of Wyoming.

Senator LONG. Senator, might I just make one statement to try to clarify this discussion, because you are discussing some things that the Governor was not around here to witness. I think I know what the position of the State of Louisiana was at that time.

I was the third member on this committee at that particular time. I was behind Senator Anderson on the Democratic side of the aisle. And the Republicans had control of the Congress at that time, one of the few times, may I say, that the Nation has made that decision, in my lifetime. The Republican chairman was Senator Butler, and you are right, Senator Cordon was the manager of that bill, but if you will recall, Senators, we passed two bills.