

comes from the revenues received under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of 1953. I was going to ask you, Governor, if you were acquainted with the provisions of the two bills.

Governor McKEITHEN. The general purpose I am; yes, sir. I am not familiar with the details of your bill.

Senator KUCHEL. And would you favor the purpose of the two bills?

Governor McKEITHEN. Your idea of getting additional money for the purposes which I understand your bills tend to accomplish we think is completely worthy. Our objection is to the way you are going at it. By going there and picking out a specific fund to which we feel that we have certain equitable rights, we feel that you will open the gate, Senator. We feel that if you open the gate for this worthy project, that right behind you, the gate will be opened again.

There will be nothing left for us. We don't dispute the worthiness of your intentions whatsoever, Senator, but we suggest that you do it by an appropriation rather than having it allocated from this fund. And our State, I am quite sure, will support you in that effort.

Senator KUCHEL. Now, Governor—

The CHAIRMAN. I just want to interject that the money would have to be appropriated annually, Governor. The money from the Outer Continental Shelf would not be made available automatically, but would go through the appropriation process as do other fund moneys.

Governor McKEITHEN. Well, I think then that you should say so without designating that it should come from this fund.

The CHAIRMAN. Your point is that revenues for the fund ought to come out of the general appropriations.

Governor McKEITHEN. Yes; that is the point I am trying to make, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. I did want to make it clear that the two bills—

Governor McKEITHEN. We support you and the purpose of your bill, but we disagree with you in the source of the revenues for your bill.

The CHAIRMAN. But it would require an annual appropriation.

Governor McKEITHEN. Yes, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. No question.

Senator KUCHEL. There is a third bill pending before this committee which I rather apprehend is relevant to this hearing, and that is S. 1826, which was introduced by the distinguished junior Senator from Louisiana, Mr. Long, last May. Are you acquainted with its provisions?

Governor McKEITHEN. Is that your bill, Senator, the 37½ percent? Generally, I am. I am generally familiar with it, but not all the details, Senator. I know what it proposes to do generally.

Senator KUCHEL. Do you favor the formula involved in S. 1826?

Governor McKEITHEN. We think it is a fair formula, if it is Senator Long's bill we are talking about. We are not saying that under no circumstances would we completely refuse to revise it in certain ways that perhaps the majority of Congress feel it should be revised.

We are not just standing fast. We don't want to make the same mistake, Senator Anderson, that others have made here before us, coming here and taking this position: Look, we won't yield 1 inch.

Let me say, there is a new day dawning in Louisiana. We have yielded a lot more than an inch during the past 4 years. We have gone the whole mile with a lot of people. As I say, we are not the unyielding