group you may have seen 20 years ago. There is a new breed that has taken over in Louisiana. I might say, and 82 percent of them just approved by election last fall of the new bred that is taking over in Louisiana.

I hope I make my position clear. As I say, we don't stand hard and fast on his bill. We think it is fair, but we are prepared to sit down with other fair-minded men, and if we can, perhaps reach something we can all agree on.

Senator ANDERSON. That is fine.

Senator KUCHEL. The provisions of Senator Long's bill generally are as follows: It would provide that the revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf lands should be disbursed first to the extent of 37½ percent to the States lying adjacent to the particular area. The balance of 62½ percent would then be allocated to all 50 States, on a formula which would read, quote: "In proportion that the population of each State bears to the aggregate population of all States."

Do you recommend that provision?

Governor MCKEITHEN. We back Senator Long in his bill, but let me repeat that we don't stand hard and fast on that formula, Senator, and we are prepared to talk about the formula.

In furtherance to your question, it could very well be that, as I say, one of the things that I brought forth in my statement was that we should not start going into that fund piecemeal as you are doing here, that we should wait and divide it all equitably.

It may very well be, when we make that final determination, Senator Anderson, that part of the money should be dedicated to the land and water conservation fund, when we make the final determination as to what we should do with all of it, but we think it should be made at the same time.

We are afraid, as I say, if you open the door here, there will be nothing to divide. The 37½ percent, we feel, that should go to the coastal States, won't be there. It will be gone.

Senator KUCHEL. Now, Governor, in your prepared statement you say:

> And just as neither Washington, Colorado, nor Wyoming may tax mineral production from public lands within their borders, so is Louisiana and all the other coastal States denied the power to tax mineral production from the Continental Shelf.

Governor, you do not mean, of course, do you, to imply that the Continental Shelf seaward of your 3-mile boundary is within the border of your State? Obviously not.

Governor MCKEITHEN. No.

Senator KUCHEL. Obviously not, because that is not so. So what you are recommending to this committee is not a mere extension of present policy, because, as you correctly point out, present Federal policy with respect to sharing revenues applies to public lands within the borders of the several States. Is that not true?

Governor MCKEITHEN. There is no question that that distinction is there, Senator, that the other public land is within the borders of the interior States.

Senator KUCHEL. So that what you are recommending to this committee is to change that policy by providing for shared revenues, not