

too, and I dare say you have the same problems there, or you will soon have them, that we have in Louisiana. I think very well you and I could be heading in the same direction, and feel the same way about this bill. I mean that sincerely, and I am not attempting to be facetious.

Senator KUCHEL. I will tell you why we can't. Because I think that the Congress performed a public service in passing the tidelands legislation, but I also think the Congress performed a public service when it passed the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and one of the clear provisions of that second law has been read, and I want to read it again.

The law said, and it is still the law :

The provisions of this section for adoption of State law as the law of the United States shall never be interpreted as a basis for claiming any interest in or jurisdiction on behalf of any State, for any purpose over the seabed and subsoil of the outer Continental Shelf, or the property and natural resources thereof, or the revenues therefrom.

That is the law of the land.

Governor McKEITHEN. That is right, sir.

Senator KUCHEL. It seems to me—and I say this most respectfully—that when both those bills were passed—and I supported both of them—that the people of the United States were well served and the best interests of the coastal States were served.

I remember very well, Senator Anderson, with vigor, opposing the tidelands bill, and the points he made were telling, but the Congress ruled, and the Congress also ruled then on what to do with the land seaward from the 3-mile limit.

Now, I want to get one—

Governor McKEITHEN. Senator Kuchel, I will go along with this.

Senator LONG. Might I just straighten one thing out, though, for the record, because this particular provision you are reading, that is one that we fellows from coastal States put in the law.

Senator ANDERSON. No.

Senator LONG. We wanted that there, and I will tell you why.

Senator ANDERSON. No, no.

Senator LONG. Hold on just one moment, now. I am going to tell you why. We wanted the laws of the coastal States to apply to our citizens when they were out on that Continental Shelf because some law ought to apply out there.

In other words, the Federal Government—now Senator, listen, listen for just one moment, because you are reading out of context. We were submitted with a Continental Shelf law which, in effect, said that this land is beyond a State's boundary. We asked the question, then : What domestic law applies?

For example, nobody ever really thought about it, but up until President Kennedy was killed in Dallas, Tex., it never occurred to anybody that it was a crime to murder the President of the United States, only under State law.

The CHAIRMAN. Not a Federal crime.

Senator LONG. That it was not a crime under Federal law to murder the President, and we have passed a law since that time to do something about it.

Now, there is a whole body of domestic law that should apply somewhere, when you have people working out on the Continental Shelf,