

Senator KUCHEL. Governor, you and I are never going to have any trouble.

Governor McKEITHEN. I think you and I could get together on this bill.

Senator LONG. Senator, if you say that is correct, I take your word for it.

Senator KUCHEL. I use it not on my own authority, but on the authority of the man from the Department.

Senator LONG. I am a little behind time. When I was on that committee, that was how you were getting your oil out in California, beneath the sea, through slant drilling, but if you are doing it from boats, I take your word for it.

Governor McKEITHEN. Senator, you are not saying here that by the terms of that act, the State is cut off or forbidden from ever suggesting the law, equitably and properly, should be changed?

You read it two or three times, real strong. I understand it, but heavens, I presume the law was changed when the interior States started getting their 37½ percent from these public lands. I presume that the law was changed then.

Senator KUCHEL. I am going to go further than that——

Governor McKEITHEN. What you ought to do is join me and all the other coastal States in seeing we get some money. You make a few more discoveries like those leases announced off the California coast made a few days ago, and you are going to need revenues worse than we do, and you should be here helping me get additional revenues for our State, and at the same time, then we will join you in your worthy project, right here, and you and I should be together real easy and real quick, and I mean it.

I think we can. We are all fairminded men here. We don't stand on the formula that Senator Long introduced in the Congress. As I say, we have a new breed in Louisiana now. We are practical minded, fairminded people, who want to talk, and work it out properly, but we say the revenues should be allocated, Senator Jackson, all at one time, and we shouldn't go into a piecemeal thing as is being done by the legislation before you.

The CHAIRMAN. Governor, there is nothing like open negotiations, openly arrived at.

Senator KUCHEL. I want to say this, Mr. Chairman, because it is in the statement that I have prepared, and I want to say, Governor, that the government of my State is squarely and unequivocally on the record in favor of the bill which Senator Jackson has introduced, and which I have sponsored with him.

Governor McKEITHEN. Was that before or after the \$600 million in leases was made out there, Senator Kuchel? Do you have any date on that position? And I am not trying to be facetious, again.

Senator KUCHEL. That is a good question. The answer is that Mr. William Penn Mott, the director of parks and recreation in the State of California, representing the Reagan administration, testified before this committee on the first day of the hearings on S. 1401.

Governor McKEITHEN. Senator, we are almost for your bill, too. The only objection I see is about where you should get the money. Other than that, we are proposing to support your bill, also, and I