

will give you a letter, if it would help you any, in support of the legislation. We feel, very briefly, that these revenues should be left alone, Senator Anderson, until it can be decided what to do with all of the revenues, and we feel that honestly and sincerely the coastal States are entitled to a larger share.

That basically is our position, and nothing else. And the merits of your bill, that is, of providing this money for recreation, parks, et cetera, we support 100 percent.

Senator KUCHEL. Would you look with favor on any of the revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf being used by the land and water conservation fund in the creation of parks?

Governor McKEITHEN. We would certainly be inclined to look with favor on it, Senator, if this committee decides this is necessary.

In the overall picture, we think perhaps you haven't asked enough for that project. We can't think of a more worthy project, and we would certainly favor it, but I repeat, we don't think this committee should go at it piecemeal. Let's take the entire problem, and hear representatives of all the coastal States. Let's hear Governor Reagan after he has heard what he is facing in California. He thinks the Okies came in on you back there in the duststorms; he has something in store for him. Let's talk to the Governors of North and South Carolina facing the same problems.

Let's talk to the Governors and the Senators from the States bordering the Great Lakes, where they are likely to face the same thing, and talk to the men from the interior, perhaps give them a little more from their public lands. As far as the money is concerned for this project, we will support legislation for funds from any source, but let's look at the complete picture before any decision is made.

Senator KUCHEL. You know, I think every time either of your able representatives in the Senate have asked the Senate for assistance for Federal undertakings in their State, I joined them and helped them, and I am going to say that has worked the other way around, too, because I have occasion to make requests of your two Senators from time to time for my State, and my efforts have not been unavailing.

We are dealing here with a factual situation that I don't think we can blink at. And I do feel that along with the responsibilities of the 50 States, we do have the national purpose to serve.

Governor McKEITHEN. Senator, you will find in Louisiana that no one has recognized that more clearly in the entire United States than the Governor of Louisiana today. I have taken some positions there that weren't popular. I can tell you that right here and now, because I thought the national interest was at stake, and I have done it time after time, and am taking some right now.

Senator KUCHEL. Well, I do feel, and I am through, that the creation of the land and water conservation fund was a good thing. I do feel that augmenting it by the use of some of these revenues from the Outer Continental Shelf is a good thing, because every dollar of the money from the Outer Continental Shelf that goes into this land and water conservation fund will be used for the acquisition and development of areas which the American people can enjoy—in your State, and in the States of these other people, and in mine.