

I don't subscribe to this. I don't subscribe to it at all. But if Congress will take this money and divide it among the States; it would do a lot to stop that kind of movement.

Senator ANDERSON. Aren't you suing now for more money?

Governor McKEITHEN. Suing for more money?

Senator ANDERSON. Isn't the State of Louisiana suing now?

Governor McKEITHEN. No, we have a suit in the U.S. Supreme Court to try to determine where our coastline is, that is all. We can't agree where it is.

The CHAIRMAN. The moneys are impounded.

Governor McKEITHEN. We are just attempting to find where our coastline is. That is all.

The CHAIRMAN. It is a dispute where the State seaward boundary line is.

Governor McKEITHEN. Where the coastline is, and where we shall start measuring for the 3 miles. We can't figure on that, Senator.

The CHAIRMAN. Whether it should be from point to point—

Governor McKEITHEN. That is right. Our bays down there cause a strong disagreement as to the State line. We are not suing for more money.

Senator ANDERSON. But there is a great deal of money involved in that suit. You will get money from it?

Governor McKEITHEN. If we should win the suit, "yes." But if we lose it, we could get less money. It could work either way. It is an honest difference, Senator Anderson. We don't anticipate any tremendous amount of money out of it, but we honestly can't agree on where our coastline is. There is disagreement there between honest men.

Senator ANDERSON. And you have tied up money right now, haven't you?

Governor McKEITHEN. Perhaps the money is. I honestly don't know. I don't know whether that particular money is in escrow or not. But we don't believe we are talking about any great quantity of money there. We honestly want to decide where our coastline is.

Senator ANDERSON. You have a billion dollars in escrow right now.

Governor McKEITHEN. No, sir, not a billion dollars. We are not expecting any billion dollars out of this suit. If we do, you have given me a tip here I will have to run back home with. It may be much closer to a million dollars than a billion.

Senator ANDERSON. That is the amount in controversy?

Governor McKEITHEN. No, sir; we are not expecting any great, huge amount of money out of that.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Anderson's point is the committee was apprised that the area of controversy being litigated involves to date about a billion dollars in accumulated revenue.

Governor McKEITHEN. No, sir.

Senator ANDERSON. Yes; it does.

Governor McKEITHEN. No, sir; there is not a billion dollars of accumulated revenue in the area under dispute.

Senator ANDERSON. You are wrong.

The CHAIRMAN. May I respond to this. The staff informs me that we were advised by the Bureau of Land Management this morning that the amount in escrow—that is in dispute—is \$1,073,894,827. That is in escrow.