

Governor McKEITHEN. We don't expect to get anything near all the money in escrow, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, don't throw away your case.

Governor McKEITHEN. I am not throwing away our case, anymore than Senator Anderson threw away the Federal Government's case in saying there was a billion dollars we are about to get out of that.

I repeat that we are not attempting to determine any set sum of money. We are attemptin to establish our coastline. Then, of course, we will abide by the laws and the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court. We are just merely attempting to establish our coastline, that is all. That is the whole basis of the suit.

Senator ANDERSON. As the money rolls in.

Senator ELLENDER. This money in escrow involves moneys that are being collected beyond the 3-mile limit.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, this is what is in dispute.

Senator ELLENDER. That is this dispute, but the suit to which the Governor referred was a suit to establish where the outer boundary of the 3-mile limit should be.

Senator ANDERSON. We had geographers, political scientists, and others working on the problem of where to start measuring the 3-mile limit. We thought we knew where the Court had established it, but Louisiana now would reject that line.

Governor McKEITHEN. No, sir; that is not correct, Senator. There is a bona fide dispute about where our coastline is, because of the make-up of our coast and our shore and our beaches. As a matter of fact, the Coast Guard took the position that it was a certain place here a few months ago, after they had heard our presentation, they agreed they were wrong.

They agreed they were wrong. There is a bona fide dispute there about where our coastline is, we are not disputing the decisions of the Court in that they are not final and we don't understand them. We do understand them. The whole dispute is the measurement starts from our coastline, and there is an honest dispute as to where the coastline is.

Senator ANDERSON. But money is involved in the outcome?

Governor McKEITHEN. Oh, money is involved, yes, but not any billion dollars.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, let me just give the figures here. I think it would be useful, and this is projected through June 30, 1968, for Louisiana. In the general fund—this is not in dispute—what has been or will have been collected by June 30 is \$1,643,754,783. Then I gave the amount in escrow, the total would be \$2,717,694,610.

Governor McKEITHEN. You are giving us those maps. In a few years, you will be telling all those other coastal States the same thing, and California, too, soon. Make one more lease out there in California and they will be here stronger than we are today.

Senator KUCHEL. No, Governor; you are wrong on that.

Governor McKEITHEN. I beg your pardon, Senator.

Senator KUCHEL. That is one place, now. We have been very harmonious, but on that one, you are wrong.

The CHAIRMAN. Off the coast of the State of Washington, Interior has sold some leases.