

Governor McKEITHEN. Well, fair, honest men can disagree occasionally.

The CHAIRMAN. Off Washington the amount is \$9,112,169. We are not doing so well, out there.

Well, Governor, Senator Long, Senator Ellender, gentlemen, we want to express to you—

Governor McKEITHEN. I would like to make one other point, Senator. We are not going back in there and say we did not understand the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. We don't recognize that the Federal Government has paramount rights or interests to the property beyond the 3-mile limit; we are not doing that, at all.

We face up to that, but it is an honest dispute there where our coastline is, and that is what the litigation is about, and I gather that the Federal Government must have some hesitancy themselves, because they are holding the money in escrow. They are not paying it out.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, this is an ancient dispute.

Governor McKEITHEN. Of course, and you will probably have the same thing in the various States, if you ever have development there. You will have the same kind of dispute. The Supreme Court will eventually settle it, and then that will be over.

The CHAIRMAN. This principle of law that is being raised is not a new one; it is an old one. There has been a fight between nations over fishing rights, a lot of other things, I understand that.

Governor McKEITHEN. When the U.S. Supreme Court said the coastline, everyone must have anticipated we would still have further additional litigation as to what and where the coastline was. I think we could certainly anticipate.

The CHAIRMAN. Any further questions of the Governor?

Senator LONG. Senator Jackson, may I just make one point here?

This suit that you talk about, of course, that is the fund you are looking at, this Outer Continental Shelf money that will be available, but this money involves a difference between the State and Federal Government, where, of course, the State is relying upon the line as fixed by the Coast Guard, saying that the line as fixed by the Coast Guard is the line of coastal waters, and that you should measure there. The Federal Government is saying, "No; you ought to come inside that line and measure from one of the other lines that the Federal Government has fixed," so you have got a valid dispute.

May I say that the Federal Government hasn't offered to compromise for any figure that would approach that billion dollars. I would say—

The CHAIRMAN. Where is the lawsuit right now? It is a suit of original jurisdiction in the Supreme Court?

Governor McKEITHEN. It is in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The CHAIRMAN. I say it is a matter of original jurisdiction, is it not?

Governor McKEITHEN. We have got the best lawyers we know, the dean of our law school up here, taking it ethically and properly as everyone would have us do it, just present our case about our coastline.

Senator ANDERSON. When was the suit filed?

Governor McKEITHEN. Senator, I don't know, perhaps Senator Long knows.