

The assets related to this legislation are invaluable. Once a physical asset has been destroyed or subject to deterioration or appropriation by private groups, the damage can usually not be repaired. It should be emphasized that the funds authorized by enactment of this bill would be taken from royalties deriving from exploitations of the Outer Continental Shelf and from other sources.

We urge enactment of the legislation as speedily as possible.

The CHAIRMAN. Thank you, Mr. McDonald.

Now, Mr. Larry Chambers, of West Virginia. Mr. Chambers, I believe you have a statement.

**STATEMENT OF LARRY L. CHAMBERS, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
POTOMAC BASIN FEDERATION**

Mr. CHAMBERS. I have submitted my statement, Senator, and I would like to make a few points that I think should be pointed out to this committee. I appreciate your allowing me to appear.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, whom do you represent?

Mr. CHAMBERS. I represent the Upper Potomac Basin Land and River Protective Association. I am also vice president of the Potomac Basin Federation.

The CHAIRMAN. All right.

Mr. CHAMBERS. This past week, Mr. Bradford, from West Virginia, gave testimony before this committee stating that the State of West Virginia was in favor of \$42 million for land acquisition and park development. Checking in the State this past week, with State senators and members of the house of delegates, and county courts, the people did not know anything about this representative of the Governor appearing here. In fact, most of the people don't even know who Mr. Bradford is.

Another thing has come up. I have been able to acquire a copy of the State outdoor recreation plan for Pennsylvania. Mr. Udall stated that he would remake the face of the Nation, if he could acquire the funds from 1401.

After going through this plan, I agree with him. He would remake the face of the Nation, and this would no longer be a plan. I believe that this committee should study the State outdoor recreation plans of the 50 States, which will be submitted to the Department of the Interior on May 1, before any action is taken on S. 1401.

This is a copy of it. If you look at the maps——

The CHAIRMAN. It would be quite a task for this committee to study and investigate the recreation plans of 50 States. I must say that would be the easiest way to put this committee out of business.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Well, Senator, maybe under this bill, we should study this, because possibly this bill should not go through, to allow——

The CHAIRMAN. Oh, you are opposed to it.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes, sir, I am. Our people, until we find out exactly what we are getting into.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, is it your testimony that Mr. Bradford does not represent the government of the State of West Virginia?

Mr. CHAMBERS. No; he possibly represents the Governor of West Virginia, but he does not represent the people, because the people we talked with——