

The CHAIRMAN. Have you read the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act?

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes, sir, I have.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the standards are set forth in that act. That has already been done.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes, sir; but actually, would you not be earmarking funds, instead of going to the Appropriations Committee, with—

The CHAIRMAN. No, the money has to be appropriated each year. You see, if you had done your homework, you wouldn't be asking all these questions.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Well, I studied that bill pretty thoroughly.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, the bill doesn't make the money automatically available. That is the key part of the bill. Obviously, if you read it, you didn't know what you were reading.

Senator KUCHEL. Mr. Chairman, speaking of homework, and before you bang the gavel, I have some good-looking youngsters from California watching this hearing, all of whom, I am told, do their homework. Will you all stand up, if you are from my State, kids?

That is great. Good to see you.

The CHAIRMAN. Well, all from the State of California? Anyone from the State of Washington? Maybe your parents were there at one time. That is north of California.

Well, very fine. I want to compliment Senator Kuchel. You are very fortunate in having as the ranking member of this committee Senator. Kuchel, who is an invaluable member of the Senate Interior Committee.

Senator KUCHEL. Thank you, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. And you know there is an election coming up in November, too.

Senator KUCHEL. Very important. I want to see all of you.

Mr. Chambers, I also wish to thank the committee for getting me off the hot seat.

The CHAIRMAN. You can thank the boys and girls. Your statement will be included in the record.

Mr. CHAMBERS. Yes, I realize that. Thank you, Senator.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF LARRY L. CHAMBERS, MARTINSBURG, W. VA.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee: I am Larry L. Chambers of Martinsburg, West Virginia. I am vice-president of the Potomac Basin Federation which is a federation of civic association in the Potomac Basin.

I came to speak on certain aspects of S. 1401 but want to digress for a moment. This past week I had reason to visit with the people of Pendleton and Grant Counties in West Virginia, who are directly involved in the land acquisition programs that would be paid for by funds from the land and water conservation fund.

I spent one day with the people in each county and became thoroughly convinced that the discontent of these people at the unfairness visited on them warrants reconsideration by Congress of their plight.

They are in the Seneca Rocks—Spruce Knob Recreational Area and they were told the project would take only the Seneca Rocks Mountain and Spruce Knob mountain. They were not told and did not understand that it would also take the valleys between and the food-producing businesses.

These are young, hard-working people—people who are looking to the future with young families to raise. Contrary to government statements, these people believe in their farms and their future. These are the kind of people who make a large contribution to the backbone of this country.