

FLORIDA RECREATION ASSOCIATION,
February 1, 1968.

Hon. HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the U.S. Senate,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: The Florida Recreation Association wholeheartedly supports S. 1401, the bill introduced by you in the Senate of the United States to amend Title I of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

We here in Florida are vitally interested in acquiring outdoor recreation areas for future expansion of recreational facilities and programs. We believe that your bill as presented will do much to enable every state to purchase lands that they would not be able to purchase without the passage of Bill S. 1401.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER M. EDGE, *President.*

DEPARTMENT OF GAME FISH AND PARKS,
Pierre, S. Dak., January 30, 1968.

Hon. KARL E. MUNDT,
*Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR MUNDT: Senator Jackson, Committee Chairman on Interior and Insular Affairs, has introduced S.B. 1401. The bill calls for additional receipts of approximately \$700 million annually to supplement the Land and Water Conservation Fund. As administrators of the Land and Water Conservation Fund for South Dakota we know what this program has done and will do for our state in future years.

South Dakota has received a total apportionment of \$2,525,685 including the fiscal year 1968 apportionment. To date we have obligated all but \$340,000 of the total made available to us and have projects in the pipeline that will exhaust this figure.

The program has not only brought dollars and cents to our state but has initiated planning efforts at both city and county levels. Bond issues and special donations for recreational developments have become more a part of local financing programs. Our cities and counties are beginning to realize and are accepting their recreational responsibilities.

Many local financing programs as well as our state programs have been based on anticipated federal support under the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since the fund has fallen short of the original anticipated amounts, many of the planned programs will never be completed.

We understand the Bureau of the Budget and the Secretary of Interior have recommended smaller amounts than what S.B. 1401 would supplement in total receipts. We believe that a higher ceiling than \$200 million as recommended is justified to meet nationwide outdoor recreation demands.

The administration has also recommended a 50-50 split of funds between federal projects and the states. We are vitally opposed to this proposal. This was not the intent of the act when it was created and the effectiveness of the program would be lost if we do not keep the states the principal beneficiaries. We urge your support for the present 60-40 formula as indicated in the original Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

We also vigorously support S.B. 1401 and hope that you give it every consideration possible.

Sincerely yours,

R. A. HODGINS, *Director.*

NEVADA OUTDOOR RECREATION FUND COORDINATING COMMISSION,
February 19, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.*

HONORABLE SENATOR JACKSON: The Land and Water Conservation Fund has given an impetus in planning for and obtaining outdoor recreation lands that