

WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ASSOCIATION,
Bremerton, Wash.

*Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SIRS: I will be grateful if you will make these comments and also the Resolution attached, a part of the public hearing held February 5th and 6th concerning Senator Jackson's Bill 1401 amending the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965.

At the 20th annual Washington State Parks Association convention held September 30, 1967 in Wenatchee, Washington, the delegates unanimously endorsed Senate Bill 1401 and adopted a Resolution to fully support this measure, urging its backing by State and local governmental recreation agencies, state legislators and our Congressional delegation.

The grants made available by the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act as matching funds to states and their political sub-divisions for acquiring and developing outdoor recreation for the public is vital. It is equally vital that funds be made available for federal land acquisition from private inholdings. Many of our National Parks have, within their boundaries, private inholdings which should be purchased by the Federal Government. Olympic National Park is a prime example, having numerous inholdings. These privately held lands are a constant threat to the integrity of the park as real estate promoters are generally interested in obtaining them.

Revenue made available from the Land & Water Conservation Act through 1401 will be most important in setting up a nationwide system of trails which will be constructed, operated and maintained.

Because of the demand and need for more outdoor recreation by the public, present sources of revenue from the Land & Water Conservation Act will not be adequate to fulfill these needs. To help solve the problem I feel that Senator Jackson's Bill 1401 is a must.

Thank you,

S. P. "PAT" CAREY,
Past President.

RESOLUTION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS ASSOCIATION

Whereas, S. 1401 provides that from July 1, 1967 through June 30, 1972 all receipts of the Dept. of Interior from mineral leasing of public lands and the outer continental shelf lands that currently go into Miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury shall be deposited in the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and,

Whereas, lands in recently authorized recreation areas cannot generally be bought immediately because of inadequate funds and in the meantime the prices go up on an average of from 10 to 20 percent per year, and,

Whereas, the funds made available by the present Land and Water Conservation Act will not be adequate to take care of minimum public needs for outdoor recreation for the near future and additional funds must be provided now, and, Whereas, S. 1401 would provide an additional fund of about \$150 million a year for the purchase and development of land, Senator Jackson says this bill will have no effect on those revenues from National Forests or from leasing of minerals on public lands which now support other specified programs such as the reclamation fund or National Forest roads and trails, nor would it affect present provisions of law governing the sharing of mineral revenues and National Forest receipts with the State, now therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Washington State Parks Association fully support Senator Jackson's S. 1401 and strongly urge the backing of state and local governmental recreation agencies, State Legislators, and our Congressional delegation.

Passed in session Sept. 30th, 1967.