

the receipts from Tidelands oil and the receipts of the U.S. Forest Service for the next five years to supplement the Land and Waters Conservation Fund.

This fund has been of the utmost importance to the City of Lincoln and the communities of Nebraska in accomplishing a job for which there are never enough local tax dollars.

The legislature of the State of Nebraska has indicated that they too feel this is extremely important in that they have made available to the cities and towns of Nebraska, Twenty-five percent of total projects involving Land and Waters Funds.

The City of Lincoln has used Land and Waters Funds for the development of 530 acre Holmes Park. This project is now well over half done and at least four years ahead of any schedule we might have had were it not for the Land and Waters money.

Our long range projection on park development includes other projects which will not be possible to do without this aid. So again I am asking that you please consider this bill favorably.

Sincerely,

SAM SCHWARTZKOPF, *Mayor.*

CITY OF RENO, NEV.,
January 31, 1968.

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

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I have studied Senate bill 1401 in detail and urge, in principle, its passage. The bill will greatly increase the benefit of the Land and Water Conservation Fund program.

In Nevada, as well as other states, various levels of government are depending on the Land and Water Conservation Fund program to assist in acquiring and developing needed park and recreation areas.

May I also point out that Nevada, as well as the other states and also the federal resource agencies, are receiving demands for Land and Water Conservation funds far in excess of the funds now available. This demonstrates the fact that if the intent of the Land and Water Conservation Fund act is to be fully utilized, a new source of funding must be found to increase present state and federal allotments.

I question the Department of the Interior's proposal that the Land and Water Conservation Fund be stabilized at \$200 million or that the federal-state distribution ratio of 40-60 be changed to 50% federal and 50% state.

In as much as Bill S. 1401 will substantially benefit the program, urgency in the enactment of the Bill and the retention of the present state-federal distribution ratio of 60-40 is recommended.

Sincerely,

ROCCO L. SPINA,
Park and Recreation Director,
Nevada Outdoor Recreation Coordinating Committee.

STUHR MUSEUM OF THE PRAIRIE PIONEER,
Grand Island, Nebr., January 30, 1968.

CHAIRMAN,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C. 20510.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: It has come to our attention that there is a bill before the Senate S. 1401 which would change the funding of the water and soil conservation fund, so that monies to support the program could be obtained from off shore oil fees. We favor this bill since it would apparently make the funding of this program more stable than it has in the past. As you are aware, this program involves federal money and matching money from the States and in our case from a county. Our particular project has been delayed several years because federal money has not been available when state money has been available.

This is a very fine program for the political subdivisions: an example is the case of our project. We have a project here which involves an area which we would like to turn into a recreation area. The county in this case has no funds available for establishment of such a park but the need is very great here. The