

Whereas, high quality non-urban areas must be acquired and preserved now for recreational use by future generations; and

Whereas, we in South Carolina recognize that in our heritage our Country and State offer many recreational opportunities; and

Whereas, without proper planning for orderly acquisition and development there is no assurance that needs will be met; and

Whereas, local communities as well as some states do not presently have the fiscal resources to undertake a planning, acquisition or development program of the magnitude recreation requires; and

Whereas, we in South Carolina are using the resources of the land and water conservation fund as one of the federal programs which we believe will contribute in a large measure to meeting recreation needs; and

Whereas, the land and water conservation fund is inadequate in some areas to sufficiently fulfill its purpose of an incentive for recreational acquisition and development: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the Congress be memorialized to enact, without delay Senate Bill 1401 which proposes to amend Title 1 of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 to provide for additional revenues to accrue to the fund.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each United States Senator and member of the House of Representatives from South Carolina and to the President of the United States Senate and to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Attest:

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INEZ WATSON,
Clerk of the House."

PORTLAND, OREG., February 6, 1968.

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

MY DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: Would you be good enough to include this letter in the record of the February 5 and 6, 1968 hearings on S. 1401, amending the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

I urge that Congress take favorable action on S. 1401.

My work as Parks and Recreation Chairman of the Portland Metropolitan Study Commission, as Secretary of Oregon's 800-member Committee to Save the Beaches, and as General Chairman of the 1967 Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs, has convinced me that we need more financing for recreation now. More funds must be readily available to purchase authorized park lands promptly, before speculation causes land costs to sky-rocket and before conflicting land uses develop.

In Oregon, where tourism and recreation will be our second industry in a few years, and our premier industry by the year 2000, we are increasingly aware of the need to protect more land for public recreation. It is widely conceded that our magnificent coastline is threatened unless public funds can be found now to preserve for all time its unique, undeveloped character. We have authorized a bold and far-reaching Willamette River Greenway park project to establish a greensward through that part of Oregon which sustains 80 percent of our population. Increasing the amount of Land and Water Conservation Funds for projects such as these would immeasurably enrich the heritage of coming generations of Americans everywhere in our country.

I am pleased also to note the inclusion in this bill of provisions to permit the Secretary of Interior to protect scenic values without maintaining an exclusive interest in certain lands in or adjacent to parks. We need laws at both the state and federal level to protect in a flexible manner the recreational potential of the greatest possible amount of land, without purchasing a fee interest in all such land, or intruding upon wholesome private uses.

Very truly yours,

JANET McLENNAN.
Mrs. Wm. S. McLennan.