

under the tent" operation that we see going on. In fact, it looks like a nose up there on the map.

Is that not the sum and substance—not only that it would actually take land that provides food for wildfowl in addition to spoiling the profile of the shoreline there, but that you feel there would be more to come?

Mr. REUSS. I think the gentleman from Maryland is absolutely correct. I would stress, however, that even if we could be presented with ironclad guarantees for all eternity that there would be no more to come, there still should be every reason vigorously to resist this; because this does take 9-plus acres of valuable diving duck waterfowl resting area and it interferes in a meaningful way with the proposed Jones Point Park.

Mr. GUDE. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Mr. McCloskey?

Mr. MCCLOSKEY. I have no questions, Mr. Chairman. I would commend the gentlemen for their presentation.

Mr. JONES. Do you have anything further that you would like to say, Mr. Saylor?

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes, Mr. Jones and members of the subcommittee, I have some comments that I would like to make.

First, I would say that those of us who have keen interest in this matter are deeply indebted to you and members of this committee for setting up this hearing.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Saylor, this is not very far from the Capitol. I just wonder, if it would be convenient, whether it would be helpful to the committee if we were to go down and examine the general area.

Mr. SAYLOR. I can just say to you, sir, that you will not see ducks if you go there now. But if you would go as I have gone in the late fall and during the winter, you will find thousands of ducks.

I would like to comment overall on some things.

First, I think there is a tremendous lack of understanding by the Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and the Under Secretary of the Interior as to what President Johnson has asked for. Now, there is one thing that has impressed me in all of the years of my life that I have been interested in conservation and that is that politics should play no part in it. It is the one thing in this country that cuts across party lines, it cuts across economic lines, it cuts across religious lines, it cuts across color lines. There is no such distinction amongst those of us who are interested in conservation. The President of the United States, the President of all of us, on the 8th day of March of this year, sent to the Congress a message asking the Congress to preserve the Potomac, and in that message he stated that the failure of Congress to act now will make us the shame of generations to come. All I can tell the Under Secretary of the Interior, if he can read English, is that he has perpetrated a shame that, if it continues, will rise to haunt him when he goes back to the Pacific Northwest; I can tell the Corps of Engineers that they should hang their heads in shame now for what they have done. There is no doubt about it that Assistant Secretary Cain, stupidly or not, told the truth when he said there must be some "political considerations."