

Let us figure out what the political consideration has to be. It has to be somebody who is out to make a fast buck and who must have some connection with the members of the Democratic Party. And the only reason I say that to you is that less than 5 years ago this land, 9 acres, was bought for about \$20,000, and if this fill is completed, based upon the price which the trustee paid 5 years ago, you have somewhere between \$1.5 million and \$3.1 million riding on that little 9-acre tract of land. And very frankly, somebody is getting paid. It is just that evident.

That is a hard charge to make, but it is a charge that somebody might as well look at because there is money, and there is big money, involved here. And so the ducks, who have nobody to talk for them, have just a couple of people who have always forgotten politics. I just want to say that John Moss and Henry Reuss and I have been engaged in battles of similar nature ever since we have been Members of Congress. And we have not worried about the fact that some of them are Democrats and I happen to be a Republican.

We have looked at this from the national interest. Let's look a little more at the national interest.

This is in the town of Alexandria, Va. I have been concerned about Alexandria for quite some period of time because it is in the metropolitan area. I went back and looked at the history of the granting of what is now known as the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Congress, back when they celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, determined there should be on both sides of the Potomac a memorial parkway in the name of George Washington, and, of course, it had to go through the town of Alexandria, Va. And the town of Alexandria has not played fair with the Congress because the Congress agreed with them back in 1928, when they began to make their arrangements, that they would protect the interests of the country and in turn we would build the Mount Vernon Highway. Now the main street of Alexandria, Washington Street, was paved by the Federal Government and the town council. We got an agreement between the Alexandria people and Washington and the Congress that they would protect it.

Now certainly they violated, as far as I am concerned, the very spirit of that agreement when they granted, in the first place, the right to put Hunting Towers, those three high-rise apartments, right there along the area which interfere with the view of that area and interfere with what Congress intended when we decided to build the Mount Vernon Highway.

Mr. JONES. Congress made a mistake by not making limited access, too. Had we done that, we would have preserved the scenic beauty of that area. The parkway is nothing more than an ordinary commercial type of highway.

Mr. SAYLOR. This is right, Mr. Jones, and I say to you I believe that when you make an agreement—or you become a member of the council whose predecessors have entered into an agreement with the Federal Government—whether you would have entered into that agreement today or not is beside the point. If the word of those people over there is not any good, then all the things that we could have put in the agreement would not be any good.