

tion many factors, but there is nevertheless factual data on which your experts could base a valid objection; is that correct?

Dr. CAIN. Yes, sir.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. And that it would in fact adversely affect the overall environment, the long-range scenic qualities of the principal shoreline and the outlook from the Federal parklands; is that correct?

Dr. CAIN. When I said "Yes," it is to the effect that any reduction of wetland acreage by filling represents a potential, and in this case I am sure, an actual, loss.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. An actual loss, an adverse effect on the overall environment, the long-range scenic qualities of the river shoreline, and the outlook from the Federal parklands.

Dr. CAIN. I think that if there had not already been high-rise apartments in this location, I probably would have taken a different position.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. The fact that there were high-rise apartments made it a little easier to grant the next high-rise apartment?

Dr. CAIN. I kind of stepped into that one; did I not?

Mr. VANDER JAGT. You sure did, Dr. Cain.

Dr. CAIN. But it is a fact; this is true. The view, as you describe it, is already not a natural view, and not a natural view by a long sight.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Just to make doubly sure that the record is clear, I understood you to say that it could adversely affect—and that there is factual data on which you can base valid objections that it would adversely affect—these items that I just read to you.

Dr. CAIN. I have also qualified this by saying that I do not think the degree of effect is great. And I do not personally think it is an extremely important case. So I agreed yesterday, but I agreed with this qualification.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. The fact that it could adversely affect these items is reflected in your letter; is it not?

Dr. CAIN. Yes.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Thank you, Dr. Cain.

Dr. CAIN. Thank you.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Reuss.

Mr. REUSS. When were you appointed Assistant Secretary for Wildlife and Parks?

Dr. CAIN. I believe that the Presidential appointment was about mid-January 1965. It may seem a little strange, but I do not remember the exact date.

Mr. REUSS. The duty of the Assistant Secretary for Wildlife and Parks is to prevent waterfowl areas from being filled in and to prevent parks from being desecrated by apartments; is it not?

Dr. CAIN. There are a great many duties in that office.

Mr. REUSS. Is that not a fairly accurate job description?

Dr. CAIN. No; it is a very minor, partial description of my job.

Mr. REUSS. Describe your job.

Dr. CAIN. My program area consists of three areas: the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the National Park Service. My predecessor, the former Senator Frank Briggs, when he was Assistant Secretary, had only the Fish and Wildlife Service. When I came on, Secretary Udall asked me to accept the National Park Service also, because I had had some 6 years of contact with the National Park Supervisory Board.