Mr. BLACK. In one degree or another, I suppose you could characterize it that way.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. I am glad you read the paragraphs you did because I wanted to get to those. Directing your attention to the last sentence in the next to the last paragraph of the very section which you just read to us, you said: "While there is no doubt of the opinions reached by those concerned with the conservation impact, their position is founded on subjective judgment considerations rather than any factual evidence which would support valid objections by this Department."

Now, on what factual evidence did you base your valid objection, on what investigations, on what scientific data, on what field reports, did you base your decisions to overrule the monolithic opposition of every agency under your jurisdiction?

Mr. BLACK. Well, I can see that term is going to come back to haunt me because monolithic implies a lot more than I intended.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Let's change it to "unanimous opposition."

Mr. BLACK. Again that is your adjective, sir.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Would you agree, sir, that the opposition within the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife was unanimous, or that it was the unanimous opinion within that Bureau that this fill would adversely affect conservation and recreational values? Do you dispute that?

Mr. BLACK. I think I would dispute it. If I am to take a poll of all the people who have had any connection with this case, I am sure I would find a good number of them who feel that this is a tempest in a teapot and that there will be virtually no adverse impact. I didn't talk to them all. But Dr. Gottschalk——

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Before we leave that point, Mr. Secretary, would you disagree with the statement that there was overwhelming opposition within the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, or that an overwhelming majority of the people who had investigated this felt that it would, in fact, adversely affect conservation?

Mr. BLACK. If there hadn't been opposition it wouldn't have come to me, I don't suppose.

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Was that opposition overwhelming in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife?

Mr. BLACK. It didn't overwhelm me.

Mr. MOSS. Would you yield to me? It seems to me very important for the record, because we seem to have some semantic hangups, that we now define this a little more precisely. Will you recite for the record the names of any persons in the Bureau with whom you discussed this who support the position you took?

Mr. BLACK. Names of any people who supported the decision that I took?

Mr. MOSS. Within the Bureau.

Mr. BLACK. Within the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife?

Mr. MOSS. Right.

Mr. BLACK. I didn't discuss it with anyone who affirmatively supported it. I discussed it with people who expressed mild opposition, based on considerations that I don't feel were within their field of expertise.

Mr. MOSS. That isn't what I asked. I merely wanted to know if you could name any individual with whom you discussed this because you