

Mr. HARRIS. Technical questions, no, sir; I am not qualified.

Congressman REUSS. The questions are not technical.

Mr. HARRIS. Or have to do with the food and the value that Mr. Uhler referred to in the application. I am just an engineer by the school of hard knocks.

Congressman REUSS. The questions which are brief are not in the area which

Mr. Harris says he doesn't want to speak to.

Question No. 1: What is your business, Mr. Harris?

Mr. HARRIS. I am a mechanical contractor, sir.

Congressman REUSS. Question No. 2: Is it not a fact that the Izaak Walton League of Virginia, after its actions last fall, has reopened the matter of its position on the Hunting Creek fill for reconsideration?

Mr. HARRIS. I have to answer, "No, sir." It was not reopened, contrary to the memorandum you might have received from the president, because the action was taken by a board in session and I think the wording of the letter involved the meeting with Mr. Scrivener.

Congressman REUSS. Thank you.

I would then like to present another exhibit, Reuss exhibit E, being letter of January 20, 1968, to me from the Izaak Walton League of Virginia, saying the Izaak Walton League has opened the matter for reconsideration.

Colonel RHEA. Congressman, all I have is a letter of October 17 from the Izaak Walton League enclosing a copy of the minutes where they took their action that Mr. Harris referred to.

Congressman REUSS. That's right. The letter just offered in evidence indicates, contrary to Mr. Harris' assertion, that the league has opened the matter for reconsideration.

Colonel RHEA. I think maybe the next speaker on the platform to come before us may clarify this matter.

Mr. BREGMAN. First I would like to know if the Congressman can introduce letters from other people without somebody testifying that they are authentic letters.

Colonel RHEA. He can introduce anything he wants; yes. We will consider it.

Mr. BREGMAN. Consider the value of it, the way they are introduced?

Colonel RHEA. That's correct.

Mr. BREGMAN. Can I also ask some questions, since he wants to ask other people questions?

Congressman REUSS. Be delighted.

Mr. BREGMAN. Congressman, you stated that one reason you were against this was because you did not, you thought this would be an opening to giving away land in the Potomac River; isn't that right?

Congressman REUSS. The two reasons I am opposed to it: Because it will destroy valuable wildlife area and because it will violate the antidiscrimination laws of the Federal Government.

Mr. BREGMAN. But did you know that this particular area is not in the Potomac River?

Congressman REUSS. It is in——

Mr. BREGMAN. You made a statement in your opening statement about giving away land in the Potomac River.

Congressman REUSS. Well, I don't know what you call it. I have always called it the Potomac. Wherever it is, it is an area I know and love and I wouldn't like to see it ruined.

Mr. BREGMAN. You know it is in the State of Virginia?

Congressman REUSS. Everything in the Potomac is either in the State of Virginia or Maryland.

Mr. BREGMAN. I ask you to read the statute again, Congressman, without debating with you now.

I would like to ask you this:

You made mention of the National Capital Park plans.

Is the National Capital Park underneath the Department of the Interior?

Congressman REUSS. That's correct.

Mr. BREGMAN. The Department of the Interior has indicated they have no objection to this. Is that also correct?

Congressman REUSS. No. There is a letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Cain, who I am sorry is not here this afternoon, saying that he withdrew his objection based on the migratory waterfowl aspect. He said nothing about the park aspect. I may have another exhibit here.