

trated" telecast. In 30 minutes of marvelous photography and narration it presented the compelling need for permanently protecting the Great Swamp far more effectively than an army of Daniel Websters addressing you this morning could hope to do.

Some 23 colleges and universities located in New Jersey use the Swamp as a laboratory. In addition, of course, it is within an hour of New York City, which contains many other colleges and universities.

In September, Drew University will open a brand new Hall of Sciences carefully and completely equipped to train young men and women in the science disciplines. To underscore our emphasis upon the sciences, let me note that approximately 80 percent of our graduates who hold doctorates have earned them in one of the science disciplines.

Construction costs for the Hall of sciences alone will total \$3.25 million, and we expect that it will cost a minimum of \$80,000 each year simply to maintain it.

Our commitment to the education of men and women in the sciences is strong. And we take pride in the results of that commitment. But no amount of money and no degree of commitment or dedication can create a laboratory of life as valuable as the less than 4,000 acres we ask you—through S. 3379—to preserve.

We can study ecology in the Hall of Sciences. We can follow the development of a plant from seed to maturity in it. We can dissect and study animals in it. We can do these things as best they can be done in a laboratory. But within it we cannot see the balance of nature at work. Within it we cannot follow the development from seed to full plant maturity under natural conditions. Within it we cannot study animals as they live in nature.

The area known as the Great Swamp is today virtually unchanged since its creation some 40,000 years ago. The Great Swamp exists today much as it did centuries ago when the Delaware Indians lived and hunted in its forests, and it is said that ancient trees still stand that once watched the silent warriors gliding by on their way to the hunt and to war. The Swamp today stands unaltered from the form it held when William Penn became its owner in 1667. We cannot build that laboratory. Money cannot build it. Man's ingenuity cannot build it. Nature alone can build such a laboratory, and only Congress can protect it.

It seems to me that the needs of science and science's students are so obvious that we may very often forget the needs of those disciplines dealing with the whole man. Let me, in that context, quote from Sister Hildegarde Marie, president of our neighboring College of St. Elizabeth:

Surely man acquires a fresh new image of himself and his world when faced with nature almost as it comes from the hand of God. We need this awareness of the Creator; future generations may need it even more.

I would hope that this was one of the reasons for the passage of the original Wilderness Act, "In order to assure that an increasing population \* \* \* does not occupy and modify all areas within the United States," and that this is why it became "the policy of the Congress to secure for the American people \* \* \* an enduring resource of wilderness."

I do not think we dare forget that with the giant material gains of our society have come slums and urban sprawl and the deadly medioc-