

rity of the suburb. I do not think we dare forget that as simple a thing as a woods is today unknown to thousands of children; tomorrow it may be unknown to millions.

Passage of S. 3379 assures the preservation of a unique and irreplaceable area covering less than 4,000 acres within our Nation's most urban area. In so doing it presents to current and future generations a reminder of what we were, a place to discover and enjoy what we are, and a learning place for what we will be.

No man charged with responsibilities in higher education could view the loss of such an area with anything less than the great reluctance. I most strongly urge passage of S. 3379.

Thank you.

I do have with me a statement from Dean Griffin of Fairleigh Dickinson University. If the chairman will permit, I would like this statement entered into the record; also a statement of Sister Hildegarde Marie Mahoney, president of the College of St. Elizabeth; a statement by Robert K. Zuck on behalf of the New Jersey Academy of Science; a statement of Mr. Leslie V. Rear, superintendent of education, Morris County; and a statement of Leonard C. Blessing, executive vice president of the New Jersey Science Teachers Association.

Mr. Chairman, I appreciate your willingness to hear me.

Senator CHURCH. Those statements will be included in the record immediately following the very eloquent statement you have made. We thank you.

(The statements referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF DEAN GRIFFIN, FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

The Department of Biology at the Florham-Madison campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University is very much interested in the Great Swamp and is encouraged by recent developments to maintain the area as a wildlife refuge.

The proximity of the Swamp to our campus in an area that is rapidly becoming urbanized, affords our University the opportunity to plan programs and courses in environmental biology that are important to society and students at a time when conservation is of concern to every citizen.

The availability of the Great Swamp has allowed the Department of Biology to prepare preliminary plans for a Wildlife Management Study, offer a highly successful course in Natural History and is now planning new course work and programs in conservation. The ecological situations available at the Great Swamp are unique in this section of the country and we look forward to making extensive use of the area in extending our programs in environmental biology.

STATEMENT OF SISTER HILDEGARDE MARIE MAHONEY, PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH, CONVENT STATION, NEW JERSEY

As President of the College of Saint Elizabeth, I most earnestly wish to go on record in favor of the Great Swamp Wilderness Bill.

Our College biologists and biology students undertake serious investigations of the relationships of living things to their environment. It is increasingly difficult in this metropolitan area for them to find places where plant and animal life can be studied under natural conditions. Laboratory work must be supported by study of living organisms in their undisturbed natural environments.

Over the years the Biology Department of the College of Saint Elizabeth has relied upon the resources of the Great Swamp in its botany and zoology courses and in methods courses for prospective teachers of biological sciences.

However, the issues here transcend even the ecological—they touch on the spiritual. Surely men 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.