

Senator METCALF. Thank you for your very important testimony and we look forward to working with you and the Department in the development of these bills. I would, of course, be derelict in my duty if I didn't express my own special pleasure in having you here, because of the work we have done on the Migratory Bird Act.

Mr. GOTTSCHALK. Thank you, Senator, I am sure I share mutual sentiments with you.

Senator METCALF. Out of order we will call our colleague, Representative Hastings Keith, who will testify on the Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge.

**STATEMENT OF HON. HASTINGS KEITH, A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
FROM THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Mr. KEITH. It is nice to be back before this honorable and friendly committee. The House has a matter before it today which is somewhat more important than perhaps Monomoy and I must say we came in at 11 o'clock to take up the tax increase and the cut in spending.

Senator METCALF. As a member of the Finance Committee, I will concur it is a very important matter, but as a member of this Interior Committee, I will not concede that this is not of great importance too.

Senator ALLOTT. I would like to say one thing before Mr. Keith starts talking. My contacts with him have been too rare, but I think it should be said here that if it were not for his great work, I doubt if the Cape Cod National Seashore would ever have become a reality. His contributions to that, with which I have had personal contact during all the time it was under consideration, have made me acutely aware of this and you deserve congratulations and thanks.

Senator METCALF. I certainly concur with these accolades. Maybe you can go ahead and create another wilderness.

Mr. KEITH. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of S. 3425, which has been cosponsored by Senators Brooke and Kennedy. The companion House bill, I am pleased to say, is cosponsored by all of the members of the Massachusetts delegation. This broad and bipartisan support is clear recognition of the strong interest which exists in this proposal, and it illustrates the relatively noncontroversial nature of the bill.

Mr. Chairman, the 2,600-acre Monomoy Island is deserving of the attention and support this proposal for its protection is receiving. The wild beauty and the grand solitude of this island is magnificent.

Monomoy is a kind of barrier island protruding south from the elbow of Cape Cod. Its shoreline is ever changing as the sands are molded by the sea winds and the work of the waves. Its plantlife and animal life adjust to these changes, and give the island a unique character. The fragile nature of the sandy shoreline causes a changing ecology which fascinates the visitor and brings him back from time to time to experience the wild glory of the place and to observe the wildlife in their natural habitat.

Those who study the shore birds who nest there believe it is unequalled on the eastern seaboard. The great population of black-bellied plovers, sanderlings, and yellowlegs, as well as black ducks, Canada geese, and other waterfowl, share this refuge with white-tailed deer, fox, and muskrat.