

# Land Laws Review Urged By Western Congressmen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5 (AP)—Many western congressmen expressed ready agreement with the recommendation made last week by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.), for a review of the federal land laws.

"Stock taking" is badly needed, said Rep. Peterson (D-Fla.), chairman of the house public lands committee.

His committee, in attempting to work out a plan by which the federal government should make payment to states and their subdivisions in lieu of taxes on these lands has found the records in "utter confusion," he said in an interview.

"We found that the public land represents 24 per cent of the total area of the United States," Peterson said. "That was the first time its total area—455,000,000 acres—was known."

"Title to much of it is confused by incomplete sales under various grants, scrip disposals and other sales schemes. Millions of acres are restricted by withdrawals, the reasons for some of which has long passed."

More than 90 per cent of the remaining public land lies in the 11 western states and McCarran and Senator Murdock (D-Utah), have been studying means for clarifying its status.

They introduced a bill early in the 79th congress designed to "recapture" from the executive department the power over the public lands.

"It should be done. Congress

should lay down a clear-cut policy for the public lands," said Rep. Stockman (R-Ore).

"I think it's a very good idea," said Rep. Phillips (R-Cal.). "Not only should some of these withdrawals be cancelled, but there are many inactive filings that also should be wiped off the books. The land is being held purely for speculative purposes. No attempt has been made to use it."

Rep. Barrett (R-Wyo.) agreed. His bill to authorize sale of isolated grazing lands for benefit of state educational institutions wasn't approved but Peterson described it as a good bill which should have applied to all isolated tracts. It passed the house but stalled in the senate.

The McCarran-Murdock bill would subject all withdrawals, except those for parks and forests and other reservations already authorized by congress to congressional review. Temporary withdrawals would terminate after two years unless specifically approved.

"Many of the most valuable and most highly mineralized areas in the nation are tightly locked up indefinitely from all productive improvement," McCarran declared. "For years, these withdrawals have virtually ended all homesteading. To a very serious extent they hamper or prevent the future exploration and development of those mineral resources upon which much of the continued progress of the western states depends."

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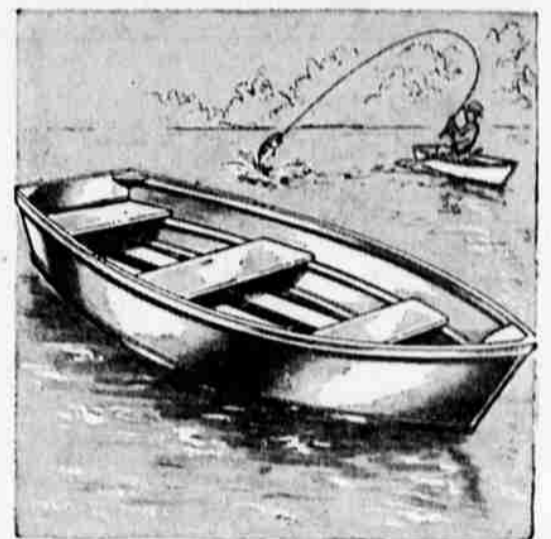
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