

gas field.") After considerable general discussion to the effect that the restriction referred to does not apply to the Hottinger Well, and that the Pacific Gas and Electric Company is in error in so claiming, Mr. Dean stated that it was the consensus of the Commission as being on record that the State Lands Commission is not a party to any tying up of the delivery of the gas from the Hottinger Well. However, as the Division of State Lands had not been informed that this question would be raised at the meeting, and had no opportunity to make the necessary research and prepare a calendar item, it was felt that the State's interests might be jeopardized if too general a resolution was adopted, although it was felt that some definite action should be taken to clear the way temporarily for the sale of gas by the Hottinger Well.

UPON MOTION DULY MADE AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPLY AN EXCEPTION (TO THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S GEORGIANA SLOUGH RESTRICTIONS, P.R.C. 596) TO THE HOTTINGER WELL FOR THE TIME BEING, AND INSTRUCTING THE STAFF TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMISSION AS TO WHETHER THEY FEEL THE ENTIRE RIVER ISLAND FIELD SHOULD LIKEWISE BE EXCEPTED.

13. (UNITED STATES VS. CALIFORNIA, TIDELAND CONTROVERSY - W.O. 721.) Senator Arthur Breed, Jr., stated that the Senate had approved appointment of a Committee on Tidelands. He has received some information from Mr. Mattoon in Washington, and presented it to Assemblyman Delbert Morris so that he would be informed. Senator Breed further stated that all the Senate Committee wants to do is to be of assistance in the Federal tidelands matter. He thinks we are all in agreement, and that what is needed is some corrective, clarifying type of legislation that will solve California's problem. Various pieces of legislation are currently being considered by the Congress, some detrimental to California's interests. He thinks our problem is to figure out what will be in the best interests of California, so that we may give our views in consultation with our own elected representatives in Washington, representatives of the Commission, and the Attorney General's Office. He feels that it is highly important that we all be together on matter of policy, and offered whatever services the Senate Interim Committee can render. He stated that the Committee will be glad to confer with the State Lands Commission as it calls upon them, and would also like the privilege of discussing the matter with the Commission and with the Attorney General so that California's interests can be best served. Senator Breed stated: "That is all we want to do -- be of assistance. We recognize the tremendous importance (of this matter) to the State."

Senator Breed also discussed in some detail the strategy for indirectly contacting mining, recreational, and similar groups in other states, with a view towards starting them to think about the application of the term "paramount rights" as it might eventually affect their own interests, with a long-range view towards a possible Constitutional amendment covering this point.

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The Executive Officer reported that no definite action has been taken on S. J. 20 as yet, but this bill probably will come to the floor soon. He also reported that the Special Masters Report is out, and stated that copies would be in Sacramento Friday morning.