

## Sub-Committee Okays Seashore Park; Full Committee Acts Next

Approved Tuesday afternoon by the House parks sub-committee was the bill creating Cape Lookout National Seashore in this county. Congressman David Henderson, after the sub-committee hearing Tuesday morning, expressed belief that the full Interior and Insular affairs committee will approve the park, smoothing its way for passage by the House. The Senate has already passed the bill.

The Interior and Insular Affairs committee will consider the bill when it next meets, the week of Feb. 14.

The sub-committee hearing, in the nation's capital, was postponed from Monday to Tuesday, in the hope that snow-bound committee members might get to the hearing. Herbert Phillips, county attorney, and Odell Merrill, former register of deeds, who were to testify, returned to the county without testifying, because they could not stay in Washington, D. C., another day.

W. H. Potter, chairman of the county Cape Lookout Seashore committee, came home Wednesday. Congressman Henderson said that Mr. Potter ably represented the county's interests.

The congressman says that the House will probably pass the bill early this spring, "before June 1 or July 1."

Speaking for the park at Tuesday's hearing, in addition to Congressman Henderson, was Stewart Udall, secretary of the interior; Dan Stewart, head of the state C&D department, who represented Governor Moore; US Sen. Everett Jordan, George Pickett, State Department of Water Resources; and Roy Wilder, executive director, North Carolina Seashore Commission.

The seashore park proposal has also been endorsed by Sen. Sam Ervin, the general assembly and all elected officials of the state, Mr. Henderson pointed out.

No opposition was expressed, which impressed the committee, he reported.

There will be no testimony before the full committee. It will act on the basis of the sub-committee's report. Congressman Roy Taylor, North Carolina, presided, because Ralph Rivers, sub-committee chairman, could not be there, due to the weather.

Wayne Aspinall, chairman of the full Interior and Insular Affairs committee, attended the hearing.

The Park Service plans to spend \$3.2 million on the park—58 miles of outer banks all in this county—in the first five years of operation. A million visitors are expected by the fifth year.

It was stated during the hearing that the Army Corps of Engineers plans to spend \$5.8 million in its funds on erosion control and hurricane protection.

Congressman Henderson was questioned as to the 250 acres

excluded from the park. He said that this has been excluded to permit individuals to develop villages comparable to those in the Hatteras Seashore.

John Saylor, Congressman from Pennsylvania, was interested in knowing what control Carteret County had over those 250 acres.

"The only criticism I have heard," Congressman Henderson told him, was that they are too strict." Two developers from Sanford have complained repeatedly

that the Carteret Planning Commission will not approve their plans for development of Cape Lookout Village.

Congressman Saylor, ranking Republican member of the full committee, who will handle the Cape Lookout Seashore legislation on the floor of the House, said there should be close restriction on the privately-held property to keep development on it from detracting from the National Seashore.

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## Seashore Bill Signing Slated

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WASHINGTON—North Carolinians will be as evident as grains of sand on the beach at the White House Thursday.

Several dozen Tar Heel leaders, and the state's congressional delegation, have been invited to a full dress ceremony when President Johnson signs a bill establishing Cape Lookout National Seashore on the North Carolina Outer Banks.

Governor Moore's office said that he has at least two conflicts on his Thursday schedule and will consider the invitation Wednesday morning. Moore's schedule calls for a 10 a. m. news conference and a luncheon.

Invitations to the bill signing have been accepted by a number of State officials, including Director George Pickett of the Department of Water Resources, Chairman James R. Townsend of the State Board of Water Resources, Civil Defense Director Edwin Griffin and Executive Director Roy Wilder of the State Seashore Commission.

It will be the first time this year the President gets a chance to put his name to a bill which he specifically requested as part of his Great Society program.

In such cases, the President likes to put it on big, using several score pens for the ceremony and handing them out with abandon.

Besides North Carolinians, chairmen of congressional com-

mittees which handled legislation, top officials of the Department of the Interior, the National Park Service, and representatives of national conservation organizations will be invited.

Mrs. Lady Bird Johnson is a prime mover behind President's interest in beauty, may actually show if she is in town.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a. m., probably in the East Room, but possibly outdoors in the rose garden next to the presidential residence.

The legislation, requested by Johnson a year ago, establishes a 30,000-acre national park on lonely islands of the North Carolina coast — mouth Island, and Core Shackleford banks.

North Carolina has purchased land and will donate most of the land for the Seashore, which is expected to draw a million visitors a year within five years.

The National Park Service plans to open a temporary headquarters for the unit within a month after the bill is signed.