“Priority to Outer Space . . . Or to Inner Space?”

“Ecology is the ultimate science, the science that must underlie the new conservation if (this bill) is to help us awaken our fellow citizens to the importance of preserving the healthful and diversified living end-products of Nature’s 2-billion-year experiments which should be part of man’s enrichment.

“This planet is the only home we are likely to have, no matter how much dreaming about interplanetary migration our space enthusiasts may indulge in. We must take care of it, and this bill would provide the basis for a more orderly approach to studying its needs, to eliminating the roadblocks in the way of a wiser use of our planet.”

—Dr. Roland C. Clement, New York Staff Biologist, Audubon Society, testifying for preservation of Natural Environmental Systems. 89th Congress of the United States.