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UDALL NAMES THREE TO JOINT UNITED STATES-CANADA WILDLIFE STUDY GROUP

The appointment of three members of the Department of the Interior to work with a committee of three Canadians to review common waterfowl problems and to recommend methods of coordination of waterfowl conservation efforts, was announced today by Secretary Stewart L. Udall.

Those named by Secretary Udall are Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife; Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; and Thomas A. Schrader, Assistant Chief of the Bureau's Office of River Basin Studies.

The Committee was named as a result of a meeting held in Ottawa, Canada, on May 8 and 9. At this meeting Secretary Udall, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman, Minister of Agriculture Alvin Hamilton and Northern Affairs and Natural Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale discussed a series of problems common to the agriculture and natural resources of both countries. The general purpose of the meeting was to discuss these problems from a North American viewpoint.

One of the main topics of discussion was the preservation of wetlands which are vital to the conservation of waterfowl, especially the possibility of a joint program for the preservation of the all-important Canadian wetlands.

Secretary Udall pointed out American efforts to preserve wetlands by increasing the cost of the duck stamp from \$2 to \$3 and earmarking all of the receipts for the selection and acquisition of waterfowl habitat. He also pointed out that the Department of the Interior had endorsed a proposal for a \$150 million loan fund to speed up this acquisition. He called attention to the efforts of private conservation organizations in saving key Canadian wetlands for waterfowl production and to the idea which is being considered by many American conservationists for some type of an international migratory waterfowl bird control commission, fashioned somewhat after the Sockeye Salmon Commission.

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