

12. We have proposed a rule requiring all licensees to submit a comprehensive plan for public recreation with their license applications to assure that the general public obtains the full benefits of the recreation potential of hydroelectric projects built under FPC license.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, I think it would not serve any purpose for me to try to rehash any of the questions and answers further.

You have made yourself clear as to how you felt about it. The facts, I think, are very well recorded.

As far as I am concerned, the facts speak for themselves. I can appreciate your feeling.

My hide may not be quite as thick and tough as Mr. Moss', because I have some feeling when I am spread all over the press in what I think to be a rather critical vein and, being a person who has been elected several times by the public, I am quite sensitive to it.

So I have some sympathy with your feeling, too. But we are concerned with the administration of laws. That is our business. That is our problem and our responsibility, and when these matters of these regulatory agencies come up, this committee has made it very clear over a period of time that we are going to concern ourselves with them.

That is the reason that we are maintained as an organization, to do what we can in carrying out our responsibility.

We do not want at any time to interfere, and it will never be our purpose to do that.

But it will be our purpose, so long as I have anything to do with it, and I think I can speak for every member of this committee, to be concerned with these matters with respect to these agencies, as the Congress, as we interpret it, intended it and the law provides, too.

I think you have given a good account of yourself here and I am glad to have had the opportunity of getting the report of the activity of the Commission from you as Chairman of the Commission.

I regret that it has developed this way because the feeling, as I see it, is pretty strong.

It is my hope that with any or all of the implications that anyone might have, that they will not in any way have any affect on the future work of the Commission, and that you and all members of the Commission will continue to do your jobs and assume your responsibilities as you see fit.

It is my hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

With the thanks of the committee——

Mr. Moss?

Mr. Moss Mr. Swidler, getting back to the matter of the so-called suppression of dissents——

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss (continuing). You read the press release Commissioner Morgan issued and characterized it as having been written by him personally.

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss. You characterized it as "unusual"——

Mr. SWIDLER. Yes, sir.

Mr. Moss (continuing). As being an unusual thing in this matter.

There was another unusual thing, the issuing of an order where a dissent was indicated without holding it until the dissent and the