

S. 886 would place the Federal Power Commission in a subservient position to the new Secretary of Natural Resources in the issuance of licenses for development of hydroelectric project by private power companies.

All of the above named agencies and their programs would be swallowed up in a giant Department of Interior—renamed Natural Resources—for no stated purpose. The benefits of the proposed reorganization are not mentioned in the text of the bill.

This District has a great and continuing interest in the "Four River Basins, Florida" project authorized by Congress as a part of the Flood Control Program assigned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This District has given assurances of fulfilling the requirements of local cooperation for the project as a part of the Army Civil Functions Program. We do not consider these assurances to be transferable to another agency or department of the Federal Government as proposed in S. 886.

This District opposes S. 886 and recommends against its enactment into law. Our reasons are:

1. No benefit of the proposed reorganization is cited.
2. The Corps of Engineers has performed its assigned task in an outstanding manner with great benefit to the entire country.
3. The same performance record has been established by the Soil Conservation Service, the Department of Agriculture.

be contrary to the best interests of the Southwest Florida District, the State of Florida and the Nation as a whole. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board requests that no action be taken on S. 886 by the Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization of the U.S. Senate Committee on Government Organization.

EDWARD MEDARD, *Chairman.*

RESOLUTION No. 223, SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, REQUESTING THE SCHEDULING OF HEARINGS TO HEAR OPPONENTS OF S. 886, 90TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION

Whereas the Governing Board at its meeting on October 11, 1967, was informed that the U.S. Senate Government Operations Committee, Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization plans to hold hearings on the "Moss Bill", S. 886, on October 17, 18 and 19, 1967; and

Whereas the Board has been advised that the scheduled hearings are intended only for the taking of testimony from sponsors of the legislation and representatives of various Federal Agencies; and

Whereas the Southwest Florida Water Management District and many other political subdivisions of the State of Florida have a continuing interest in the orderly development and maximum beneficial use of the water resources of Florida; and

Whereas this District is presently cooperating with the Corps of Engineers in carrying forward the "Four River Basins, Florida" project in accordance with the will of Congress as expressed in the authorizing legislation in the Flood Control Act of 1962; and

Whereas the "Moss Bill" appears to be a controversial piece of legislation which