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SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT  
DISTRICT, BY ITS GOVERNING BOARD.  
EDWARD MEDARD, *Chairman*.

EXHIBIT 22

WATER USERS ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA, INC.,  
*West Palm Beach, Fla., November 2, 1967.*

Senator ABRAHAM RIBICOFF,  
*Chairman, Committee on Executive Reorganization, Committee on Government  
Operations, Washington, D. C.*

consider this vital to the nation's defense.

2. The Corps of Engineers, working with local and other agencies on public works projects affecting Florida's fresh water, has done an excellent job. Any transfer of this function of the Corps of Engineers would result in confusion, delay, and added costs.

3. There are large areas of the Corps' civil works functions not related to the national resources of the nation.

4. It is believed that the same adverse effects would apply to the soil conservation service of the Department of Agriculture now doing an excellent job on small water shed projects.

5. We do not believe that the creation of a department of such magnitude and power is in the best interests of the people of the United States. We can see no benefits accruing from the passage of this bill.

Respectfully submitted.

RILEY S. MILES,  
*Executive Director and General Manager.*

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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On the proposal to transfer the civil functions of the Army Corps of Engineers, The American Waterways Operators, Inc., would like to be recorded as endorsing the statement made before your subcommittee in the course of hearings in late October by Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor who so well expressed the objections which this Association's members themselves have to the proposal.

We respectfully request that this letter be made a part of the record of the hearings held in October 1967; and, further, that if hearings are resumed at a future date to hear opponents of the legislation that we be given an opportunity to testify and expand our views on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

BRAXTON B. CARR, *President.*

EXHIBIT 24

THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES,  
New York, N.Y. November 2, 1967