

stream, and the people in their pride have also made these homes mostly of rock or natural materials so that they blend into the beauty of the neighborhood of the adjoining area, and those homes range in all classes and all values from \$10,000 to \$250,000. Those people are proud of this river, and they want to develop it as they want to develop it and they want to retain it as near as possible in its natural environment.

I would say, Mr. Chairman, if you were to go in and destroy these facilities, and turn it back into its natural state you would probably be spending \$400 million of the Government funds and we do not want that. We want to continue to develop it with our private funds and make it available to the people of these United States to enjoy.

I believe that concludes my remarks unless Mr. Leonard has one or two to say and I believe we are running short on time.

Mr. LEONARD. Mr. Chairman, I will take approximately 1 minute.

On Guadalupe, as it flows through Kerr County, there has been established by county funds, local bond issue, three dams which have established therefore, lakes at Ingram, Kerrville, and at Center Point. The city through its own taxing structure has constructed another dam at the, right in the middle of the, city of Kerrville forming another lake. So throughout the reaches of the Guadalupe River as it flows through Kerr County we have established four dams, flood control dams, conservation dams, and pleasure dams. People throughout the State of Texas come to Kerrville, the hill country, and use these water facilities for which we are—

Mr. FISHER. At our own expense.

Mr. LEONARD. At our own expense as Congressman Fisher brought out. We had a local bond issue on the county dams and we are very proud of our city dam at Kerrville. It was built with nationwide publicity called "build a park in a day." We all joined together our funds, resources, and labor and built the dam and built the park in 1 day. This was a project started by the Kerrville Jaycees which now covers some 25 to 50 acres of land.

One other very major and important point, Mr. Chairman, as the Guadalupe River flows through Kerr County, 90 percent of the population of 22,000 people live within a half mile of these banks.

Ninety to ninety-five percent of the economic values, property values, lie within a greater or lesser distance than that, and to the point just above flood stage. A conservative value of improvements throughout this breadth, through Kerr County is half a billion dollars, not counting land values.

We submit, Mr. Chairman, that the Kerrville, Kerr County portion of the Guadalupe River should not be included in these bills.

Thank you very much, sir.

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. Chairman, in total conclusion we thank you for your time and we hope we have given you some time back and if there are any questions we will be glad to answer them.

Mr. TAYLOR. There will be some question. Your opinion is that Guadalupe River is already developed as a scenic river by private development and local units of government and the protection of this legislation is not needed?

Mr. JACKSON. That is correct, sir.