

ming areas along with numerous boat ramps, which are accessible by improved highways, are located throughout the Suwannee River area.

Other developments adjacent to the Suwannee River are four municipalities, the internationally famous Stephen Foster Memorial at White Springs, Ellaville State Park, Manatee State Park, Hart Springs—a Gilchrist County development—Florida Sheriffs Boys Ranch, Advent Christian Retirement Home at Dowling Park, hundreds of private houses, and numerous commercial enterprises.

A primary problem in the development of the Suwannee River Valley is the devastation caused by periodic floods, usually occurring from 7 to 10 years apart. These floods overflow the entire valleys of the Suwannee River and its tributaries, often in excess of several miles in width, destroying crops and damaging other properties, both private and public.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you, Mr. Brown.

The Suwannee River is in two States, Florida and Georgia. How much of it is in Georgia?

Mr. BROWN. I would say about—not over 25, 30 miles, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. And not enough to set that up in the study stage by itself?

Mr. BROWN. No, sir; I don't think so, sir.

It flows out of the Okefenokee Swamp, out of Rilly's Lake and comes out through Fargo, Ga.

Mr. TAYLOR. I think we might as well hear all of the witnesses on this one river.

Our next witness is Mr. L. B. Pete Gibson.

Mr. GIBSON. Is it necessary that I stand in order to make my presentation?

Mr. TAYLOR. You may stand or sit.

Mr. GIBSON. Thank you.

May I relinquish my time to the lady, first 5 minutes?

Ladies come first, where I come from.

Mr. TAYLOR. You are not giving up your time, but you would like for her to speak before you speak?

Mr. GIBSON. Please, sir.

Mr. TAYLOR. We recognize Mrs. Margaret Shifflette.

STATEMENT OF MARGARET SHIFFLETTE, DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY, SUWANNEE RIVER CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Mrs. SHIFFLETTE. I had planned to speak after the other presentation of the Suwannee River Citizens Association. I am speaking for Suwannee River Citizens Association which represents a tremendous segment of public opinion in the Suwannee Valley and in Florida and in Georgia, and I would like to hand these folders in which contain some resolutions and letters in duplicate.

These, some of these, have old dates, but they have not been rescinded so they are still in full effect, and I would like to commend—

Mr. TAYLOR. Without objection these resolutions presented will be made a part of the file.

Mrs. SHIFFLETTE. Please, we would appreciate it if they would be made a part.