

Representative Brock, of Tennessee, introduced similar legislation in the House on February 6 of last year, H.R. 4648. Subsequently, identical bills were introduced by Representatives Kuykendall, H.R. 10351; Fulton, H.R. 11181; and Quillen, H.R. 11269.

Individuals whose real property must be condemned to effect transfer in furtherance of TVA's flood control and power generation and distribution operations deserve the right to have the value of their property determined by the most equitable method ever devised by the American judicial system. Trial by jury has been time tested in this great Nation, and is cherished as part of our judicial system. Guaranteeing owners the right to jury trials rests with the Congress.

We appreciate this opportunity to appear at this hearing, and we respectfully recommend that the subcommittee approve the House version of this proposed legislation.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much, Mr. Haynes.

Any questions?

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Haynes, I am assuming you are basing your testimony on correspondence with a number of your members that this would affect; is that correct?

Mr. HAYNES. The States listed, the Farm Bureau is in those States interested in it, and it was taken up at a board meeting, I believe in June of last year, June or September, and the board authorized us to support the legislation as a national organization. It is of prime interest.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Are you personally familiar with some of the individual complaints, or you are just taking the position of the local board in presenting their request?

Mr. HAYNES. I am personally acquainted with them to the degree of verbal information.

I am a native of Tennessee and grew up in Tennessee at the time TVA was developing.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Could you give us the benefit of that background?

Mr. HAYNES. No, sir; I have no case at hand that I can dig out of my briefcase or my paper and say this case, to give the name and the title.

As a newspaperman I have heard of many of them, and I have heard of many of them from our people. There are a number of them in the record of the Senate hearings, letters to Mr. Baker and letters to Senator Sparkman and others, citing instances where they felt they deserve a jury trial in cases involving condemnation of their lands.

In other words, I have no personal interest is what I am trying to get over. I have no land involved whatsoever, myself.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Well then, I gather from your testimony that you are basically presenting the position as the result of resolutions adopted by a local Farm Bureau organization; is this statement correct?

Mr. HAYNES. It was action taken by the board of the American board, in response to action taken by the States. Whether that was an actual resolution or not, I cannot say.

It was a communication between the people in the States that are representatives on the board and the board. That is why the board took action.

Mr. SNYDER. Thank you.