

Mr. EVERETT. I might add, has not land escalated about 10 or 12 times in the last 20 years in that area? Prices of land?

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Prices of land in the periphery have skyrocketed. For instance, the latter part of last year, 103 acres at the approach of the east side of the Cumberland River bridge sold for \$300,000—103 acres. That is \$3,000 an acre. Twenty miles south of the area, Mr. Chairman, of the Tennessee bridge—in Congressman Everett's district—the Tennessee Valley Authority is acquiring the eastern approach to the Tennessee bridge, and the price they offer the landholder down there is about \$350 an acre. And I have not gotten an explanation yet of why 20 miles distant, with the same potential in both places, that one sells for \$3,000 an acre and the other sells for \$350 an acre.

I might add, Mr. Chairman, that about two-thirds of this land to be acquired lies in Tennessee. The fish and wildlife area of 60,000 acres has been transferred from Interior Department to the Tennessee Valley Authority, up at the north end of this area.

Mr. EVERETT. That land was acquired for \$5 or \$6 an acre, or \$10 an acre, was it not?

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. That was the going price, about \$5 an acre.

Mr. EVERETT. Again, I want to commend the gentleman from Kentucky for such a fine statement.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Thank you.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Clausen.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Stubblefield, I am wondering if you could basically describe what was contained in the letters you filed? I did not object at the time, but I would just like to know, for the record, what they purport to show?

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Basically they are letters stating the feeling of people. The Lyon County fiscal court feels it is basic that they should have the recourse to jury trial in these condemnation suits.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I see. In other words, it is nothing more than an extension of your testimony?

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Right.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And, in effect, gives documentary evidence of conditions that exist?

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Well, Mr. Clausen, I think Mrs. Whitehead will take the documentary evidence part of it.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you.

Mr. JONES. Any further questions?

Again we thank you, Mr. Stubblefield. It has been a pleasure to see you today.

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Mr. Chairman, is it in order for me to present Mrs. Whitehead?

Mr. JONES. We would be pleased to have you present Mrs. Whitehead.

Mr. STUBBLEFIELD. Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the committee, I am delighted to present to you a public-spirited friend of mine that lives in the Land Between the Lakes area, Mrs. Corinne Whitehead.