

**STATEMENT OF MRS. CORINNE WHITEHEAD, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, KENTUCKY LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, KAUTTAWA, KY.**

Mrs. WHITEHEAD. Thank you.

Mr. JONES. We are pleased to see you.

Mrs. WHITEHEAD. Thank you.

I am executive secretary of the Kentucky State Chapter of the American Landowners Association. I am a resident and landowner in the Land Between the Lakes TVA project area.

On behalf of all residents in the Land Between the Lakes and those who have moved out, I urge the passage of the legislation permitting trial by jury in case of condemnation by TVA, H.R. 4846.

Those of us in the Land Between the Lakes will not be eligible for any benefits under this legislation since TVA has placed us all in litigation. It is for those who follow us in the years to come in the Tennessee Valley, that they might avoid the flagrant injustices, the heart-break, and anxieties caused by the denial of this inherent right, that we are here today.

More specifically, I request the passage of this legislation on behalf of my neighbor, Harry N. Barnett, who has returned from 14 months of active duty in the jungles of Vietnam. He attributes the death of his father principally to TVA and the Land Between the Lakes project. This courageous young man bought a house—it is an old house, about 150 years old—moved it onto a plot of ground for a home for his wife and himself. TVA says they will not compensate him for the house, only the lot; that he has acted in bad faith.

I request passage of this legislation on behalf of Dan Yates. He is a 9-year Navy veteran who came home with his wife and two children. He has been offered \$2,500 for his 1½ acres. He moved a trailer from Norfolk, Va., over to this plot of land that he bought. TVA refused to pay for the house and garage that he moved onto the land.

I request passage of this legislation on behalf of Earl and Sue Molloy, who were not compensated one dime by TVA in the taking of their 0.58 acre, their building, and business. TVA charged them with bad faith and, through a court order, required them to close the business by May 31, 1968. This action followed statements in U.S. district court in Paducah in 1967 by TVA attorneys that no cloud had been placed on the title of lands in the Land Between the Lakes due to TVA's imminent takeover, that the owners were free to lease, buy, sell, improve as under normal circumstances.

I request passage of this legislation on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crutcher, of Stewart County, Tenn. TVA's price for their farm, 109 acres, and a 28-year-old grocery business was unacceptable to them. They refused the offer. TVA cut their price by \$7,300, and they told me this was only a third of the price, and they told them the store must be closed by May 31, 1968, or TVA would padlock the building. They went up the road 6 miles and paid \$2,000 for 1.08 acres of "uncleared woodland" on which to rebuild. They begged and pleaded with TVA to allow them to keep their business open since it is largely on a credit basis. TVA refused. One TVA representative told them he "wouldn't lose any sleep" over their problems.