

I request passage of this legislation on behalf of Forest and Pearl Murdock, who came from Indiana. They bought a 68-acre TVA commercial site plus a 17-acre tract. This was at a TVA auction. They came in good faith, invested 18 years of hard work plus a documented cash outlay of \$83,315. They have not kept an accurate record of the investment; it is much, much more than this report, because they never dreamed they would be asked to give it up. TVA's offer for purchase will just about pay for the 2½ miles of road he constructed into the property and the buildings. This leaves no compensation for the land and certainly land values have enhanced in the past 18 years.

I request that this legislation be passed on behalf of Harold and Juanita Snipe, who, through the solicitations of TVA to them in Chicago, purchased four lots at auction. They came in good faith to retire and make their home here in 1960. TVA issued to them deeds in the name of the U.S. Government. They are one of many, many families from about 35 States who came into the area and bought lots and built homes. In the light of what has happened, the deeds were worthless even on the date of conveyance, since it is now known that TVA had the intention even then of retaking their property for the Land Between the Lakes. This in TVA bureaucratic jargon is "recapturing the enhancement value."

I request passage of this legislation on behalf of all of those property owners who have been forced to assume hardships and indebtedness to relocate to a place less desirable to them, with less acres and less real valuation than what they gave up to TVA.

Our people in the Land Between the Lakes have been moved out of their homes and off their lands since 1933, first by the Area Resettlement Administration, Kentucky Woodlands Refuge, Kentucky Lake and Dam project, Barkley Dam and Lake project, and now the Land Between the Lakes project under TVA. All of these houses have been dragged up and down the roads, up and down the river properties, until they are pretty well shaken up. These people have moved their homes two, three, or even four times. Many moved into trailers—all so they might remain as near the place of their ancestors and beginnings. Perhaps our people know by hard experience better than most Americans the difficulties of dealing with many Government agencies in the acquisition of land.

I can assure you that the denial to them of the right to trial by jury under TVA is the most unbearable. Not only does the denial of this basic right reflect in the acceptance of unrealistic valuations, it reflects in the ruthless acts of the Authority. The decision to annihilate every community, remove every family, and raze every church in the Land Between the Lakes was TVA's.

This is a community that is much over 200 years old. The people who settled this area originally were people who, in many instances, were French Revolutionaries, who came with General Lafayette to the United States, who settled there. They are also English and Irish extraction.

Do you for one moment think TVA would have swept down upon our helpless people had that agency been subject to the usual restrictions and legal court proceedings in land condemnation action? This project has been by executive edict, not legislation and through the Congress.