

This is an oxbow lake formed by a cutoff of the Mississippi River. Any silt-laden flows entering the lake are muddy enough, if you will. These enter the lower portion.

Mr. JOHNSON. Any further questions?

Hearing none, we will now move to the next witness, the Honorable David Pryor, our colleague from Arkansas.

**STATEMENT OF HON. DAVID PRYOR, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS**

Mr. PRYOR. Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen of the committee, I certainly thank you for this opportunity of appearing before you on behalf of the Lake Chicot project. This project has had extensive and very deliberate hearings in the Senate and for that reason we have come today with what we call no local witnesses. We did not bring local witnesses from the Lake Chicot area up here today in the interest of time and with the full knowledge that extensive hearings had been held in the Senate body.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, this is a long-sought-after project by the people of the Lake Village area. If I may be permitted for about one moment here, I would like to say that the whole town, the whole city of Lake Village, Ark., is built around this Lake Chicot and at this moment because of severe rains, et cetera in this area right here, this area is no more at this time because of the silt infiltration, et cetera. This is no more, that is this entire body right here, no more than a sea of mud at this time.

Lake Chicot is the main industry of Lake Village, Ark., and we feel that the restoration of Lake Chicot to its ultimate status quo as it was before the great silt infiltration, that the restoration of this lake would do such a great deal to restoring this city and would do such a great deal in making this city once again the great city that it was because of the recreational values, the number of tourists that would come into this area, and we think in taxation alone it would amortize the expenditure that we are making for this project at this time.

I would like to say again or reiterate and reemphasize that when heavy rains occur, because of the silt that this tremendous body of water becomes nothing but a sea of mud.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I have a statement that I shall not read, but I would like to submit it for the record for your consideration, and again I thank you most sincerely for the opportunity of appearing before you.

I would be glad to answer any questions that I might.

Mr. JOHNSON. The prepared statement of Mr. Pryor will appear in the record at this point.

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STATE OF ARKANSAS**

I appear here today to discuss with the Committee the requirements of local cooperation on the Lake Chicot, Arkansas Project favorably recommended in House Document 168, 90th Congress, 1st Session.

House Document 168 reflects a divergence of opinion within the Executive Branch concerning the operation and maintenance of a large pumping plant which is an essential element in the recommended plan of improvement. The Chief of Engineers concurs in the recommendations of his field officers that the