

As to "whose fault it was" or "who caused it," et cetera, I cannot as an expert address myself to that question adequately.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Who is the local sponsoring agency?

Mr. PRYOR. I think the name is the Chicot Drainage District. I am not certain on that, but I believe that is correct.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Well, the reason I asked the question I was wondering whether or not there will be a local business subdivision or representing a group of local sponsors that will meet the local sponsorship requirement.

Mr. PRYOR. I feel certainly sure they will.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Who is this?

Mr. PRYOR. Well, I think we have a list of the men. There is a Chicot Drainage District with officers. I would be more than happy to supply that for the record if I might be permitted. It is the Chicot Drainage District of Lake Ridge. The board members are Dr. Burge, Mr. Ben Angle.

Mr. JOHNSON. That is not necessary.

Any further questions of the gentleman?

Mr. CRAMER. I would like to ask you a question. Colonel, at the end of the statement is there any thought or plan relating to any type of user charges for this recreational facility? It is largely recreational. Are there any additional charges?

Colonel HALL. You mean in the sense that we have user charges around reservoirs? Some of these recreational areas, sir, will be developed by local interests.

Mr. CRAMER. I understand that. Is there going to be any charge levied by the local sponsoring organization for the use of any portion of this facility?

Colonel HALL. We do not think so sir, for the use of the lake.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, the Federal Government is putting that large a share into it. Is it or is it not the policy of the corps to insist upon noncharge uses as part of the local cooperation?

General NOBLE. Sir, normally charges are made because of the use of a service or facility that is constructed and not in the sense of using the water that exists there so that the corps, as a policy, would have no objection to the local people charging for such services that are rendered or for the use of facilities that have been constructed to use the water.

Mr. CRAMER. Well, I understand the recreation act permits local authorities to charge admission fees or the user fees, however you call them up to the amount of the local contribution which as I understand is \$290,000; is that correct?

General NOBLE. \$290,000.

Mr. CRAMER. Estimated cash contribution on the local contribution as I read it is \$290,000.

General NOBLE. That is right, sir.

Mr. CRAMER. Am I correct in saying then that the local sponsoring organization could charge fees up to recoup that amount and no more?

General NOBLE. I am not familiar with any such provision, sir.

Colonel HALL. Sir, to respond to the question specifically whether or not local sponsoring bodies or the developers of the recreational areas