

Mr. JONES. Mr. Miller, may I have your attention?

The question that you asked about the calculations of the benefits to cost, recreation I think that you will find that the Corps of Engineers has uniformly erred in their calculation on the low side. There are far greater numbers of visitors to the reservoirs than they anticipated and the activities have been far greater.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I am happy to hear that. Would you say they are more conservative?

Mr. JONES. Yes, they are.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I want to say this, too, on behalf of the Engineers. I am a great admirer of the Army Engineers. I think they serve the public interest better than any other phase of our military. Apparently you have sought ways to save money and work effectively, efficiently and well, and closely with the local interests as well as cooperating with the Congress.

The gentleman from Ohio has given me an excuse to say this again and I do every time I have an opportunity.

Mr. JONES. Thank you.

We now have Mr. Jones R. Moulton of Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Moulton, have a seat. We are pleased to have you, sir.

Do you have a prepared statement?

STATEMENT OF JONES R. MOULTON, CHARLESTON, W. VA.

Mr. MOULTON. I have a very short statement, Mr. Chairman and I will not read all of it. I will give it to you afterward.

Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee I am Jones R. Moulton of Charleston, W. Va. I am president of the Potomac Basin Federation which is a voluntary association of citizen groups from most parts of the basin.

I appreciate very much the opportunity to appear before you today. I wish to testify very briefly on the proposed dam construction by the Army Corps of Engineers in this river basin and I want to very briefly digress on a dam proposed which is not listed today because of the circumstances.

I wish to bring you the protest of our member groups in Grant and Pendleton Counties in West Virginia who are very much disturbed by the proposed Royal Glenn Dam near Petersburg, W. Va.

Last Saturday, June 15, our federation's regular quarterly meeting was held at Petersburg and there was much discussion of the Royal Glenn proposal and I was asked to present the protest of these people in Washington as forcibly as possible.

It is widely believed that the small watershed type of program that is the Soil Conservation Service deal with small headwater dams and possibly some levee construction around Petersburg will solve the flood problem there without the disastrous disruption of the community which the larger Royal Glenn Dam is expected to cause if it is built.

It is because of the uproar you might call it at this meeting that I inject this, although I understand it is not presently being considered.

Over a period of many months I have heard bitter, resentful, and angry opposition to large-scale Government land acquisition for these projects in that area particularly.