

Mr. JONES. One will complement the other. As another thing, Mr. Schwengel you will have to observe the question you were asking General Noble if these soil conservation problems are seen through it will be substantially reduced, that is the siltation in the larger reservoirs.

Thank you very much, Mr. Moulton.

Mr. CLAUSEN. How many people do you represent within your organization?

Mr. MOULTON. It is between 4,000 and 5,000, mostly home and farm-owners.

Mr. CLAUSEN. So it is your position that you, as an organization, have no objection to the Sixes Bridge and the Verona project at this point?

Mr. MOULTON. In location and type, if local people want them and participate in them, we would go along with them.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I have listened with interest to this. I, too, for a long time was influenced by a man named Peterson who wrote a book called "Big Dam Foolishness" and the gentleman from Alabama was referring to was an echo of that book but I recognize now Mr. Peterson was a great conservationist.

I recognize also that we need these reservoir dams, these installations as proposed here before us this morning. I agree with you we need more in the development of the watersheds. I can understand why your kind of dedicated cause, you may have gotten some of your influence from one of the finest leaders in watersheds in the United States, from West Virginia. I cannot think of his name, but he was before this committee and he was complaining of the fact that we do not get on with the business of completing the watersheds, not only the smaller reservoirs but the ponds, the water diversion channels that are needed and the contour farming, farming around a hill rather than up and down the hill, and elimination of some needless crop growing.

There is soil conservation in many areas and great concentration in all these areas, but believe me, I think we cannot sit here and testify against these other installations, but let us try to work out a cooperative program to develop both programs and then we will be serving the public interest a lot better, I think.

Mr. MOULTON. We who live in the area that would be flooded by the projects feel very strongly about the location and type and size of the dam.

My own farm was surveyed for a corps dam about 20-some years ago and there were tests drilled to see if the subsoil would stand reservoir dam construction and so forth. We lived through this. There was such opposition and this was abandoned and I had to go out afterward and haul out the pipes that they left. So I am quite familiar with the give and take of these projects.

This makes the third time in 25 years there has been a major project for dams in the immediate area in which I live.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much. We are certainly obliged to you. You have given us some valuable information.

That concludes the hearings except on the Florida projects. The committee will stand in recess until 2 o'clock.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Mr. Chairman, before we dismiss, this committee met yesterday and I think we got unanimous consent to submit statements. I want to make sure that we can submit statements.

Mr. CLAUSEN. The committee generally recognized that yesterday.