

I again thank you for the privilege of appearing before your subcommittee and urge as strongly as I can the authorization of this project.

I would like with the committee's consent just introduce the spokesmen for these several counties who are within the district and then submit copies of resolutions and other statements for the record in the interest of saving the time of the committee.

I know the committee is familiar with this project. It was authorized in 1946 with a dam at 220 foot level and then was amended by the House only in 1955 to remove the 220 foot limitation and to raise the dam to 240 feet above sea level, but the Senate referred it to the Corps of Engineers for study and the study came back last year.

These citizens of the area have been waiting a long time for this project and I do hope that the subcommittee can now approve it as recommended by the Department of the Army.

We have heard the testimony of the representatives of the Corps of Engineers.

We do have other engineers, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Alexander that might testify if the committee so desires on some of the engineering features and I would like to confine my remarks to the desire of the people of the district for this project and the general need for it in the area.

Periodic floodings commencing in 1889 with a maximum flood record in 1942 apparently prompted the original desire of the people for this project, but the need for more water and this need with the population growth may overshadow the flood control features, with Metropolitan Washington including large segments of both Maryland and Virginia looking to the Potomac and looking for water supply and to the tributaries of the Potomac, the counties that are in Virginia and below Fairfax County must look south toward the Rappahannock and to the Salem Church Reservoir.

One of these counties represented here today, Prince William, is the fastest growing county in percentage, in the State of Virginia. It has grown since the last census from approximately 50,000 people to 100,000 people today.

This committee, I am sure, is well aware of the desirability for clean water and an adequate supply, for salinity control, for additional recreational facilities in a fast growing area such as northern Virginia.

In fact, there is an acute shortage I am told of scenic parks and recreational facilities throughout the eastern part of the country. Other witnesses will detail these needs.

Let me thank the committee again for the privilege of appearing and with the committee's consent I would like to supply for the record a statement by Walther Fidler who is a member of the house of delegates, representing four counties within my district that is in favor of the project.

We have Mr. A. W. Hogeland, plant manager of the FMC Corp. who is here and will testify.

We have a statement concerning a resolution of the Peoples Bank of Spotsylvania in support of the dam, copies of resolutions of the governing bodies of the town of Orange, Stafford County, the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County.