

Whereas, among other favorable comments, Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr., said :
 "It is my hope that construction of the project may be expedited so that the obvious benefits to be derived from its operation will be realized as soon as is practicable," and,

Whereas, the report has been or is about to be transmitted by the Chief of Engineers, Lieutenant General William F. Cassidy, to the Bureau of the Budget and to Congress for project authorization, now, therefore :

Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Spotsylvania County, Virginia, that the members of Congress be and they hereby are respectfully requested to take cognizance of the salient features of the project which this Board has recognized through long-term, close association with the citizenry and the project ; namely ;

1. This multi-purpose project would benefit residents of Virginia, nearby states, the District of Columbia, and area visitors.

2. The benefits derived from water conservation would indeed be necessary for the full development of the "urban corridor" which is now rapidly growing along the east coast of the United States.

3. Strong state and local support for the project is obvious.

4. The benefit-cost ratio of the Salem Church Reservoir Project is 2.1 to 1.

Be it further resolved that the members of Congress be and they hereby are respectfully requested to give the authorization bill their full, active, and enthusiastic support to the end that the project will be constructed without delay and the urgently needed benefits may begin to accrue to our people.

WILBUR B. WALLACE,

Chairman, Spotsylvania County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. SCOTT. I would like to present to the committee now Mr. A. W. Hogeland, plant manager of the FMC Corp., Fredericksburg, Va.

STATEMENT OF A. W. HOGELAND, PLANT MANAGER, FMC CORP., FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Mr. HOGELAND. As plant manager of the American Viscose Division plant, FMC Corp., located on the Rappahannock River in Spotsylvania County, Va., I would like to reaffirm our corporation's support for the Salem Church Reservoir project. Our plant is the largest single cellophane plant in the world with a payroll of approximately \$10 million annually.

We have often experienced the effects of the considerable fluctuations in flow of the Rappahannock River. Following the flood of 1942, operations were interrupted for 4 days. Considerable difficulties were encountered in maintaining operations during the droughts of 1953, 1954, and 1966. In 1954, we were within days of shutting down our facilities when the low river flow conditions were alleviated by Hurricane Hazel. In 1966, production was reduced and we were again within a day or two of a shutdown when we were saved by heavy rainfall in early September.

Over the years, we have expended more than \$1 million to maintain an adequate supply of satisfactory water. Despite every precaution, it is impossible to completely assure continuity of operations during flood conditions. We have been able to continue operations during the severe drought conditions only because we used the same water over and over again as it ebbed and flowed with the tide. However, there is a limit to the reuse of water in our manufacturing operations, and these limits were approached in 1954 and 1966.

Another factor of major importance is water quality. We have worked diligently over the years to safeguard the waters of the Rappahannock from pollution. During the period 1946 through 1965,