Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, I had planned to reserve my comments until later on, but inasmuch as Mr. Harsha has made his comment, I just want to join my colleague, Mr. Harsha, in expressing to you publicly, Congressman Scott, my own personal appreciation for all of the information that you have given to me.

You indicated that areas of opposition, you indicated the areas of support.

I think the one thing most significant about this is you have given your people in this area through this questionnaire an opportunity to express themselves and, to me, this is very significant and all the information that you brought to my attention can only be described by this one statement, and that is that I do not know how any Member of Congress could have done any more to get the prompt information to we, on the committee, than you have done, and I want to compliment you.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Alexander, you may proceed.

STATEMENT OF J. M. ALEXANDER OF THE BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Chairman and distinguished gentlemen of the committee.

We are appreciative of the opportunity to appear before you today in behalf of the board of conservation and economic development in support of the proposed Salem Church Reservoir which would be located on the Rappahannock River immediately upstream from and in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Va.

I am representing Mr. M. M. Sutherland, the director of conservation and economic development, who is unable to be present due to a prior commitment.

On September 21, 1967, the deputy director of conservation and economic development, as well as I, presented testimony before the Subcommittee on Flood Control—Rivers and Harbors of the Committee on Public Works of the U.S. Senate.

Our position as appears in the record of that hearing is unchanged. The testimony referred to notes the fact that the board of conservation and economic development has reviewed the Chief of Engineer's Salem Church project proposal and found that the benefits to be derived therefrom are in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and said board has recommended that the Salem Church project be authorized by the Congress of the United States as proposed by the Chief of Engineers.

That testimony, too, refers to the fact that the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia has examined the findings and conclusions of the board of conservation and economic development and has indicated concurrence with the board's recommendation that the proposed Salem Church project be authorized for construction by the Congress of the United States.

Please allow us to place emphasis on the fact that water quality standards for Rappahannock River downstream from Fredericksburg, Va., as set by the Virginia State Water Control Board cannot be met within the available technology for waste treatment and with the existing flow regimen of Rappahannock River. There must, therefore, be