

control, recreation, water supply and power supply, providing economic benefits reaching from one end of the river to the other,

Now, therefore be it resolved the Rappahannock River Basin Advisory Committee does advise the Virginia Department of Conservation and Economic Development and the House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works of the U.S. Congress that it is in favor of the construction of a dam and reservoir at the Salem Church site on the Rappahannock River at the earliest practical date.

The above resolution I have just read was approved by a vote of nine in favor, four opposed. One of the members of this committee is here today and I believe will request to speak in opposition.

I felt that you should be advised that the group that is primarily charged with the guarding of the best interest of the Rappahannock and its people specifically endorses this project.

I thank you.

Mr. JONES. Thank you. Any questions?

Mr. HARSHA. Sir, how far up the dam does this go, do you know?

Mr. DAMERON. I believe it is about 27 miles.

Mr. HARSHA. Anywhere near Culpeper?

Mr. DAMERON. Yes, sir.

Mr. HARSHA. How far beyond Culpeper?

Mr. DAMERON. It does not affect the town of Culpeper as much as it does the town of Warrenton.

Mr. SCOTT. Next I am going to call on Josiah P. Rowe III, mayor of Fredericksburg, Va.

As you know, we have independent cities so he is representing the independent city of Fredericksburg and he does not only have a statement to make, but a group of resolutions and statements on behalf of the communities and counties.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Rowe represents an old and historic city and we are certainly happy to have you here.

STATEMENT OF JOSIAH P. ROWE III, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Mr. ROWE. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Josiah P. Rowe III, mayor of the city of Fredericksburg, Va., I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you in support of this water resource development project.

The history of the Salem Church Reservoir project is long, but the significant fact now is that the review report has reached this subcommittee for your consideration. This is a long-awaited day in our lives. The Engineers' report recommended that the project be authorized. This recommendation was concurred in by the division engineer, the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, the Chief of Engineers, the Secretary of the Army, and appropriate departments and agencies of the Federal and State governments, including the Bureau of the Budget and the Governor of Virginia.

Certainly the technical aspects of the project have been developed fully. The project is amply justified economically, with evaluated benefits resulting in a benefit-cost ratio of 2.1 to 1.

Our plea is that you take cognizance of the great and pressing need of the many people who will benefit from the project and give the project your favorable recommendation for authorization.