

Mr. Chairman, if there are no questions for Mayor Rowe, this does conclude our presentation of the matter; but I would like to mention to the Chair that I have received a communication from the clerk's office, Fauquier County, Va., indicating that Mr. Randolph H. Carter will present a case for Fauquier County, the only county in my district opposed to the dam.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Chairman, I welcome my colleague to the committee. Mr. Scott, how many acres does this reservoir cover?

Mr. SCOTT. Mr. Chairman, I would reserve that to a technical witness.

Mr. DORN. What is the acreage of the reservoir?

Colonel SEIDEL. 48,000 acres.

Mr. ROWE. If I may say, Mr. Chairman, about half of that acreage is water.

Colonel SEIDEL. I gave you the figure for the total real estate including the surroundings.

Mr. DORN. 48,000 acres?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. DORN. Does it cover any of the wilderness, parks or fields?

Mr. ROWE. No, sir; it does not.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Mayor, do you think this will help the city of Fredericksburg?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, sir; in the many ways that have been indicated, the project is favorable.

The city of Fredericksburg has an interest in flood control and water supply but we are also vitally interested in the overall area development.

Mr. DORN. Much of it is wilderness area, is that right?

Mr. ROWE. Yes, sir; it is approximately 1 mile north of Interstate 95.

If you have traveled in that area, it is named from the Civil War battlefield battle that took place at Salem Church which is about a mile from the site of the dam.

Mr. DORN. In other words, you don't want the reservoir to be covering up any real, extremely valuable property, it will be a minimum.

Mr. SCOTT. If the gentleman will permit, I would say the city of Fredericksburg is so proud of its history that its mayor would not be here today testifying in favor of this dam if it was going to cover historic areas.

Mr. JONES. We have a rollecall on the tax bill.

As I stated earlier, I am sorry about these interruptions but there is nothing I can do about it.

The committee will reconvene at 2 p.m.

(Whereupon, at 12:30 p.m., the subcommittee recessed, to reconvene at 2 p.m. of the same day.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. JONES. The subcommittee will come to order.

Our next witness will be Mr. Randolph H. Carter of the clerk's office, Warrenton, Va., representing Fauquier County, Warrenton Chamber of Commerce, and landowners in Fauquier County.