

Mr. JONES. That what?

Mr. WALDROM. The Virginia Electric Power Co. Reservoir which will be located less than 30 miles away at the Fredericksburg, 11,000-acre pond which could be used or will be used and is planned to be used for public recreation.

This, it seems to us, takes a great deal of the load, the flat water recreation demand load off of the Salem Church Reservoir.

A second point is that, as a result of the resolutions passed by the Virginia State Legislature, the University of Virginia has a planning team investigating the scenic rivers program for the State of Virginia, and that they are giving very strong consideration to the possible inclusion of the Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers.

A third point is that many communities which would have benefited from the Salem Church Dam are now in the process of constructing their main supply facilities and it seems to me this further obviates the Salem Church project.

These three reasons sharpen our criticism, and again we urge this committee that the Rapidan and Rappahannock Rivers be kept in their present condition.

Mr. JONES. Thank you, very much. I can see where the Sierra Clubs have employed a very talented young man. Thank you again.

Next is Robert T. Dennis, executive director of the Potomac Basin Center, Washington, D.C.

**STATEMENT OF ROBERT T. DENNIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE POTOMAC BASIN CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Mr. DENNIS. Mr. Chairman, I am Robert T. Dennis, executive director of the Potomac Basin Center, Washington, D.C. The center was established last August to provide information and general staff services to citizens and citizen organizations interested in Potomac River Basin natural resources matters.

We thus do not have a direct operational interest in the Rappahannock River or the Salem Church proposal. We can, however, provide information which might bear upon the deliberations of this committee.

Specifically, the Commonwealth of Virginia is currently making a "scenic rivers" survey of the Rappahannock-Rapidan River system, as part of a statewide study directed by House Joint Resolution 192 of the 1968 Virginia General Assembly. The Potomac Basin Center is providing funds for the House Joint Resolution 162 project—the committee will note that the legislation carries no appropriation, but rather authorizes Virginia's Commission of Outdoor Recreation "to accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations from any and all sources * * *."

Because of our work with Virginia citizens, particularly those interested in the Shenandoah, we were aware of the potential for financing the study through public subscription—and undertook the job. I might add for the record that, as of last Tuesday, 13 individuals and four organizations have contributed \$7,865.08 of the \$10,000 required by the outdoor recreation commission. Most of these sources have indicated special interest in the Rappahannock-Rapidan system; the degree of that interest is well demonstrated by the amount donated.