

United States for the authorized three-month extended period: *Provided, That the total payments so made shall not exceed the sum of \$6,401.16.*"

Mr. CLAUSEN (presiding). That concludes your testimony and will proceed with testimony on H.R. 7699, the Pat Mayse Dam and Reservoir project, Texas.

PAT MAYSE FISH AND WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITIONS (H.R. 7699)

Mr. HART. Mr. Chairman this is well named.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the purpose of H.R. 7699 is to modify the Pat Mayse Dam and Reservoir project to authorize the Secretary of the Army to acquire an additional 750 acres of private land so as to consolidate Federal ownership of certain areas and facilitate the establishment of a wildlife refuge or management area. These lands are to be made available to the Secretary of Interior or the State of Texas pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

The Department of the Army interposes no objection to the enactment of this bill, a detailed report of which was furnished this committee by letter dated June 5, 1968.

The major portion of Pat Mayse Reservoir is on lands formerly part of Camp Maxey, some areas of which had been sold to private owners by the War Assets Administration. The 750 acres involved in this bill are four noncontiguous areas with six ownerships, which are intermingled with Government lands. These are located outside of the upper reaches of the reservoir; are cutover timber and grazing lands; and are estimated to cost \$120,000 to acquire.

Recommendations by the Fish and Wildlife Service for establishment of a wildlife management area of 8,500 acres of Government lands and 1,200 acres of private lands were included in House Document No. 71, 88th Congress. The corps concurred in the establishment of the wildlife area, but did not at that time recommend acquisition of additional lands. However, this Department is in accord with the major objectives herein; has currently reserved 8,500 acres for this purpose; and has no objection to the enactment of this bill. As a technical amendment, it is recommended the words "or wildlife management area" be inserted after "wildlife refuge" in the title, on page 1, line 11, and on page 2, line 7.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you, Mr. Hart.

Our next witness will be Mr. Bill H. Thompson, managing editor of the Paris News, Paris, Tex., and also president of the chamber of commerce, Paris, Tex.

We will include at this point in the record without objection the testimony of Mr. Thompson, as though read.

STATEMENT OF BILL H. THOMPSON, MANAGING EDITOR OF THE
PARIS NEWS, PARIS, TEX.

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Chairman, honorable members of this committee, the construction of the Pat Mayse Dam and Reservoir 12 miles to the north of Paris, Tex., and in the heart of the Red River Valley has created an all too familiar problem in the growth and development of our great country.