

Mr. CLAUSEN. The next project for consideration is the Navarro Mills Reservoir, Tex.

Mr. JONES. Colonel Shaffer, let's go over this project H.R. 12174, the Navarro Mills Reservoir in Texas, road location.

NAVARRO MILLS RESERVOIR, TEX., ROAD RELOCATION (H.R. 12174)

Colonel SHAFFER. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, the purpose of H.R. 12174 is to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Army and the Chief of Engineers to make such changes as may be necessary in a road located in the Wolf Creek Park area and extending it across several arms of the Navarro Mills Reservoir, Tex. The bill would require the road to be above elevation 443 feet mean sea level which is the top of the flood control pool of this project. It would authorize the appropriation of such funds as may be necessary.

Available information indicates that this road improvement would extend some 9 miles along the north side of the reservoir and cost approximately \$2 million. It involves the construction of bridges and drainage facilities. Only a portion of the road could be accommodated on project lands and the balance of the right-of-way would have to be acquired.

We believe that the Wolf Creek Park recreation area has reasonably adequate road access from the county road system in this area. While the proposed additional access from the eastern side of the reservoir may be desirable, it is not considered to be essential for project requirements or public access to the Wolf Creek Park at the present time.

When the Navarro Mills flood control reservoir was placed in operation in 1963, the Corps of Engineers completed its obligations for road relocations. The local authorities at the time accepted the completed relocations as meeting requirements necessitated by the Navarro Mills project construction. The approved master plan for the Navarro Mills Reservoir area does not provide for a road as proposed in H.R. 12174.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

Mr. CLAUSEN (presiding). Thank you. I guess there are no questions.

STATEMENT OF HON. OLIN E. TEAGUE, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I appreciate very much the opportunity of appearing in support of my bill H.R. 12174 authorizing the Secretary of Army working through the Corps of Engineers to make certain changes in the roads located in the Wolf Creek Park area of the Navarro Mills Reservoir, Tex.

The State Highway Department of Texas has assured the county judge and the county commissioner's court of Navarro County that if the Corps of Engineers will participate to the extent of building bridges over the Wolf Creek branch, Strain branch, and the Thomas Harris branch, they will designate the road as a farm-to-market road and provide all-weather paving thereby linking three farm-to-market