

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

NO. 1.

(Senate Joint Resolution 1)

A Joint Resolution setting forth and commending the purposes of a bill to appropriate money for the completion of the Savage River Dam in Garrett County, Maryland, to the Congress of the United States.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and necessary that the waters of the North Branch of the Potomac River be controlled in an effort to prevent the repetition of disastrous floods which have resulted in the loss of lives and millions of dollars in property damage to the residents of Garrett and Allegany Counties in Maryland and Mineral County in West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, during the year 1939 the Works Progress Administration started the construction of a dam on the Savage River in Garrett County, Maryland, in an effort to control the waters flowing into the North Branch of the Potomac River; and

WHEREAS, approximately Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) has heretofore been expended on such construction work so that said dam is now approximately two-thirds complete; and

WHEREAS, during the year 1942 the War Production Board ordered the suspension of all work on said dam in order to conserve men and materials for essential projects bearing a direct relationship to the war effort; and

WHEREAS, the said Savage River Dam is now in a state of progressive deterioration and of no benefit whatsoever and unless the same is completed within the near future, the said money which has already been expended will be a total loss and the primary purpose of the erection of the dam to reduce the danger of future disastrous floods will have been defeated; and

WHEREAS, the recurrence of disastrous floods in the Potomac River Valley has been greatly augmented by the deforestation of the water shed adjacent to the location of said dam; and