

~~above Great Falls would be needed to satisfy the Metropolitan Area. Alternatives to such reservoir would be costly, less effective in operation and provide lesser benefits.~~

Speed is of the essence in carrying out the recommendations of the Corps of Engineers. There are various steps through which the report must advance, including approval by Congress and appropriation of funds before construction of any impoundment will commence. A delay of ten years could easily ensue from approval until completion of some of the recommended projects. Well before that time, it is expected the need of water development would amount to more than 50 percentum of the capabilities of the Basin.

We further believe the time has arrived when this Committee should state its opinion of the kind of project under which the development of the River will be carried out. We wish to emphasize that we now express no position on the merits or demerits of sizes of dams or specific locations. There are several considerations, however, which impel us to our decision. These are the diversity of jurisdictions involved in the Basin, the preponderance of Federal benefits resulting from these projects under the 1961 revision of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the uncertain success of State compacts, and the fact that the chief beneficiary of development of the Potomac must be the Washington Metropolitan Area.

It is therefore our conviction that development of the Potomac River Basin should be placed under a program authorized, ~~administered and financed by~~ BY, AND WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF, the United States. Only with this kind of program do we believe there is any certainty of early completion of the development of the Basin."

WHEREAS, The Corps of Engineers has released its recommendations for impoundments on the North Branch of the Potomac River. The North Branch although an integral part of the overall development plan of the Potomac can be effectuated independently of the overall plan. The Director of the State Planning Department has been designated by the Governor of Maryland to determine the State's position on the Potomac and coordinate it with the other Basin States. The Special Committee urges immediate action in implementing the North Branch impoundments; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That we urge that the development of the Potomac River in accordance with the survey and recommendations of the United States Corps of Engineers shall be carried out by means of a program authorized, ~~administered and financed by~~ BY, AND WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF, the United States; and be it further*

*Resolved, That we urge the immediate implementation of the recommendations of the Corps of Engineers for impoundment of the North Branch of the Potomac River; and be it further*

*Resolved, That the Legislative Council of Maryland is requested to reappoint its Special Committee on the Potomac River for 1962.*

Approved March 23, 1962.