

Major PARTEN. By water. But in order to do that we must release some barge equipment.

Mr. RANKIN. How many locks do you have to go through?

Major PARTEN. Forty-six locks.

Mr. RANKIN. You could not possibly move, then, as rapidly as you could on the Intracoastal Waterway, even if you were not going upstream?

Major PARTEN. The Intracoastal Waterway would have probably a slight advantage, but it would not be a great advantage. The operation on the Ohio River is pretty efficient. In fact, it is about two to one over the Mississippi River.

The CHAIRMAN. Major Parten, this pipe line would be a 24-inch line, would it not?

Major PARTEN. The line from Longview to Philadelphia?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Major PARTEN. It would be a 24-inch line.

The CHAIRMAN. And that will carry how many barrels?

Major PARTEN. That line will carry, under present design, we think in terms of 300,000 barrels a day. As a matter of fact, we can carry 300,000 barrels a day of crude oil, and we can carry 350,000 barrels a day of products through that line.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, then, about what proportion of that would be consumed along the line; first, for instance, at Salem?

Major PARTEN. If the line is operated on crude, it might be constructed or operated to carry everything to the east coast. It would have flexibility. You could carry all of it to the east coast or you could carry part of it. We would have to be governed by conditions as they arise at the time that line is completed. That line would be so designed that it will carry either crude or products. There is a great controversy that arises in the industry about whether it should be crude or products, but we take the position that we should build the line, with conditions determining later what it should carry.

Mr. RANKIN. Mr. Chairman, I desire to make an inquiry. Are we going to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock?

The CHAIRMAN. Yes.

Mr. RANKIN. Will this witness be back on the stand at that time? The House convenes in 5 minutes, and I would like to be there. I have some questions that I would like to ask this afternoon, if we meet.

The CHAIRMAN. I do not know that I can answer for Major Parten. He is a pretty busy man.

Major PARTEN. Mr. Chairman, I am told that I have another meeting before a Senate committee at 2:30.

The CHAIRMAN. What I want to get is approximately how much oil this pipe line will convey to the Atlantic seaboard, the territory that we want to serve as early as possible.

Major PARTEN. It will convey 300,000 barrels a day of crude oil or 350,000 barrels a day of products.

The CHAIRMAN. Now, then, you cannot transfer from one pipe line to the other; if you start with crude oil, you will have to keep it up; will you not?

Major PARTEN. No, sir; we can shift in a very short time. It would be a matter of a few days. For instance, if we were pumping gasoline or light heater oils, the conversion to crude would be instantaneous;