

Major PARTEN. I am not the best person in our office to cover the subject of rationing. Our field is transportation, and I could only discuss it from the standpoint of efficiency in transportation.

Mr. PETERSON. As I understand you, there is at present a very liberal supply of gasoline available in those States.

Major PARTEN. I did not say a liberal supply; I said there is a larger stock of gasoline in the south end of district 1 than in the northern end of district 1.

Mr. PETERSON. You are not in a position to say whether or not there is enough gasoline available in those States to make rationing unnecessary?

Major PARTEN. No; I am not.

Mr. GREEN. You are not opposed to the enactment of this bill?

Major PARTEN. No, sir.

Mr. GREEN. You favor it?

Major PARTEN. The bill provides for a pipe line across Florida.

Mr. GREEN. And for the extension of the coastal waterway system.

Major PARTEN. I would say that the Office of the Petroleum Coordinator has no objection to the bill.

Mr. SMITH. There was a press release yesterday by the Petroleum Coordinator, Hon. Harold L. Ickes, to the effect that work had already started on one of six pipe lines. What can you tell the committee about that?

Major PARTEN. That was project 1 which I mentioned awhile ago, in connection with the rearrangement of lines and the removal of bottlenecks from Texas through Oklahoma, Kansas, and Illinois, into the Chicago area, to deliver 40,000 barrels a day into the Chicago area.

Mr. SMITH. When will that be completed?

Major PARTEN. That will include the delivery of 40,000 barrels a day by June 1, and probably before that, and we expect to get 25,000 barrels of that all the way up to Bayonne, N. J. But that part of the distance will not be in use soon.

Mr. SMITH. What are those other five projects?

Major PARTEN. Project 2 is the enlargement of the Plantation capacity by the extension of the areas to Port Arthur and Houston, with a 10-inch second-hand line, and an extension from Greensboro to some point near Norfolk with an 8-inch line to carry 30,000 barrels through to water, near Norfolk. That is No. 2.

No. 3 is a project with second-hand pipe to connect up to Shell's system that runs from Fostoria to Akron. That will be about a 150 mile hookup that will provide also a hookup with the Sun-Susquehanna line which is being reversed through Pennsylvania and will probably deliver 15,000 barrels a day to the east coast.

Project No. 4 calls for a movement by pipe line into Toledo and Cleveland of about 10,000 barrels a day increase, and that includes a reversal of those lines in Buffalo, then moving south into New York and eastern Pennsylvania, to handle about 10,000 barrels a day.

Project No. 5 contemplates the reversal of the two 8-inch pipe lines now going from El Dorado, Ark., to Port Arthur, Tex., through Shreveport. These lines will be reversed at El Dorado, Ark.

Mr. SMITH. What is the capacity?

Major PARTEN. About 50,000 barrels a day.