

EXTENSION OF THE INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY SYSTEM

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS,
Washington, D. C.

The committee met at 10:30 a. m., Honorable Joseph J. Mansfield (chairman) presiding.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Miller, are you ready to proceed?

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman, there may be some other witnesses besides Mr. Buckman, of Jacksonville, Fla., but unless there are others he will be the only witness we care to present.

Mr. RANKIN. I have two witnesses to present, Mr. Chairman. One is Mr. Aldace F. Walker, vice president of the Trans-American Pipe Line Corporation, and Mr. Shinkle, consulting petroleum engineer. I suggest, since time is of the essence of this procedure, that these witnesses may make short statements, and then insert whatever further remarks they have in the record.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, that may be done.

STATEMENTS OF ALDACE F. WALKER, VICE PRESIDENT, TRANS-AMERICAN PIPE LINE CORPORATION, AND VINCENT G. SHINKLE, CONSULTING PETROLEUM ENGINEER, TRANS-AMERICAN PIPE LINE CORPORATION

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Chairman, I would like to introduce Mr. Vincent G. Shinkle, a consulting petroleum engineer, who has had 38 years' experience with the petroleum industry in the United States and Mexico. He will be able to tell you more about the production and handling of petroleum than I can. Therefore I would like at this time to present Mr. Shinkle.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Shinkle, state whom you represent.

Mr. SHINKLE. I am consulting engineer for the Trans-American Pipe Line Corporation.

Gentlemen, I appreciate this opportunity to tell you something about a project on which I have been working for more than 10 months. During the past 10 months, while this project has been resting in the various Government bureaus, we have continually stressed the relation of this common-carrier pipe line as a link with the intracoastal waterways. The crude petroleum cannot get to the waterways unless there is some link provided, and a pipe line is the logical link.

Now, it is said that the science of engineering is simply knowledge of the best way to do things; so I ask you to join, as engineers, and