

Mr. ANGELL. According to the testimony given the committee by Major Parten, the financing would be done by the oil companies.

The CHAIRMAN. That was my understanding.

Mr. DONDERO. I asked the question, and that was the answer. He said it would cost about \$95,000,000.

Mr. WALKER. I think they felt that they were able to do it if they had to do it.

Mr. RANKIN. If this pipe line would carry 70,000 barrels per day, and that amount is available in the Tinsley field, I see no reason for extending it any further at this time, especially under the circumstances due to the scarcity of steel.

Mr. WALKER. That is correct. The prudent practice would be to build the line west, but there is no reason for the line to go any farther.

Mr. DONDERO. Is the Tinsley field the Mississippi field?

Mr. RANKIN. Yes. It is east of the Mississippi River.

Mr. PETERSON. How do they propose to finance the pipe line across Florida?

Mr. WALKER. I do not know. It is probably in the same category.

The CHAIRMAN. It is proposed to bring in some second-hand pipe from the Texas fields.

Mr. PETERSON. Do you anticipate any difficulty in getting the pipe line financed?

Mr. WALKER. I have been told by Mr. Henderson, of the R. F. C., and Mr. Snyder, that if the Army, Navy, Office of Defense Transportation, or the Petroleum Coordinator would write a letter saying that this project was in the interest of national defense, some funds would be available for it then within 24 or 48 hours.

Mr. ANGELL. Do you have such a letter?

Mr. WALKER. No, sir; it was handled in an informal conversation.

Mr. ANGELL. Has any such letter been written with reference to the other project?

Mr. WALKER. I do not know.

Mr. ANGELL. Have you received any communication from the Petroleum Coordinator about that?

Mr. WALKER. No, sir.

The CHAIRMAN. The Pipe Line Act provides that the President shall issue a proclamation declaring all those things defense measures.

Mr. ANGELL. As I recall it, General Reybold stated in opening his presentation to the committee, that it was made definitely with the understanding that he had received no approval from those officials or any Government agency.

The CHAIRMAN. And, also, he stated that he had received no authority from the Budget Bureau.

Mr. ANGELL. That is correct.

Mr. HALL. Has the War Production Board taken any position on this matter?

The CHAIRMAN. I understand that they have not.

Mr. PETERSON. Has any Federal agency indicated a favorable attitude toward the proposed pipe line that you are interested in?

Mr. WALKER. Yes; we have a letter from Mr. Ralph K. Davies, that he wrote on October 20, in which he said this project has a great deal of merit, and if we were able to clear up some other features it would add greatly to the transportation solution.