

support of S. 589 and H. J. Res. 104. The participation therein by the United States Government corporation would give the United States an equal voice, and hence some measure of control, in the planning, building and operation of the Seaway project which would be of great importance in the future. Without such an equal voice, the United States would not be a full partner in that project and would be entirely dependent upon the Canadian Government for its determination as to the proper operation of such Seaway and as to the efficiency of its security controls.

The Department of Defense, however, refrains from commenting as to whether the method of participation in the St. Lawrence Seaway project that would be provided by S. 589 and H. J. Res. 104 is the most appropriate means for securing that joint participation or the soundness of the precedent that they would create. It is pointed out, however, that no provision is made in S. 589 and H. J. Res. 104 for utilizing the service of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, which has designed and built virtually every lock during the last century and which has conducted all of the detailed engineering explorations and planning heretofore made with respect to the development of the international rapids section. It is the intention of the Department of Defense to suggest to the Congress that consideration be given to an amendment to that bill and joint resolution which would provide for the assignment of the construction aspects of that project to the Corps of Engineers similar to the provisions of Section 4(b) of S. J. Res. 45.

Sincerely,



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