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An Amendment offered by Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee: On page 28, line 18, strike the period and insert: “: Provided, that notwithstanding...[at this point the reading of the amendments was stopped, and the appropriations committee accepted the amendment without having it read aloud; all subsequent text was added later, never spoken]

...the provisions of 16 U.S.C., chapter 35 or any other law, the Corporation is authorized and directed to complete construction, operate and maintain the Tellico Dam and Reservoir project for navigation, flood control, electric power generation and other purposes, including the maintenance of a normal summer reservoir pool of 813 feet above sea level.”

Mr. Chairman, I wish to offer this amendment to the bill now before us. The purpose of my amendment is to establish in law the Congress’ desire to see that the Tellico Dam and Reservoir is completed and used as designed. It does not call for additional funds in this for the TVA. My amendment would provide in legislature [sic], what we in the Congress intend as far as the status of the project is concerned. The project is 99 percent complete, and over $100 million has previously been appropriated by the Congress and spent on the project. My amendment would make it clear that the Congress intends for this project to be 100 percent complete and used as designed.