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## February 24, 1976



MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF

James Hooper/TVA SUBJECT:

The Senate Public Works Committee has just voted 11 to 1 on a motion offered by Senators Randolph and Baker to postpone indefinitely consideration of the Hooper nomination for TVA.

This action was not unexpected, and our headcount indicated that an up and down vote on Hooper's nomination would have been defeated.

All Republican and Democratic Senators were contacted this past week, and Senators Baker and Brock had obtained commitments from all Republicans to support their opposition to Hooper's nomination.

This issue has become of major importance in Tennessee and was creating headlines every day in support of Baker's opposition.

Senator Domenici indicated at the hearing today that he hoped the President would send another nomination up shortly.

The only Senator voting negative on the motion today was Bob Morgan, Democrat from North Carolina, who said that he thought the nomination should receive an up and down vote.