

I think, humanitarian concern, so that we have recognition of that particular value.

Just one other problem I would like to touch upon. It is on page 11. This is with respect to navigation and flood control problems.

You have raised the problem that has really not occurred to me with respect to this question of 100-percent Federal funding of relocation costs. It runs counter to the policy which is stated there, of leaving these kinds of projects regarding land costs as a local contribution.

Is that right?

Mr. HART. Mr. Chairman, I think that, I believe you are familiar with the navigation projects under your Rivers and Harbors Act. This requirement, I understand, has actually been in being since the 1936 Flood Control Act where we had what was loosely termed the ABC requirements, two of which are that the local interests will contribute lands, easements as required for the project, and No. 2, will hold the United States free and harmless from all claims.

Now, this is not really a grant-in-aid or something like that. It is really considered a contribution and has been more or less one of the underlying features of our local cooperation projects.

Senator MUSKIE. In effect, this bill would change the formula for sharing.

Mr. HART. It certainly would. It would, in effect—I do not presume to be getting in over my head. This is not my field. But it could affect the cost-benefit ratio. I have a representative of our Civil Works Planning Division here if the committee desires to explore it further.

Senator MUSKIE. We might at least invite a comment from him at this point.

Mr. HART. I have Mr. Riley here.

Senator MUSKIE. We will have a sufficient discussion of it in the record.

Mr. RILEY. I think Mr. Hart has explained it rather completely in that this is part of the cost that we normally require of the local people, which is in agreement with the Flood Control Act of 1936 as it has been amended. So it is really not a grant or an aid. It is a requirement which we feel local people should make toward the improvement which we are providing for their protection.

Senator MUSKIE. Do you make any effort to concern yourself with relocation problems that may be involved in the taking of lands in connection with test projects?

Mr. RILEY. This is a requirement that we ask the local people to do. They have the responsibility for it.

Senator MUSKIE. So you have never tried to second guess them or check them on it?

Mr. RILEY. No, sir; this is their contribution to the project.

Senator MUSKIE. Of course, the local interests could conceivably be ruthless about it. That is the question that is troubling me a little bit. Is there any role that you could play?

Mr. RILEY. We do have certain requirements or agreements with these only. This is the part that Mr. Hart might be able to explain, this particular portion of it, better than I could.

Senator MUSKIE. Do you have anything on that?

Mr. HART. Senator Muskie, I might say this in regard to the local cooperation projects. Heretofore, the Department of Defense, in our