

previous reports, has not raised this particular issue and we have spoken to it now only by reason that the Bureau of the Budget has asked a similar question and asked us to bring it up.

Senator MUSKIE. The Bureau has submitted suggested language?

Mr. HART. Yes, sir; and we, of course, concur in it. I think our experience has been, why we have not been too concerned is that our navigation projects are primarily widening or deepening waterways. While on occasion, you might find someone living close enough to the bank of a waterway that they might have to move, in general, we have had very, very little requirement insofar as the relocation of people. Occasionally, you might find a business where there are piers or wharfs that might have to move out. But again here, on our navigation waterways on which we operate, we have normally established bulk head-lines and pier headlines so that these structures, if they are within the channel, are generally already subject to navigation requirements, against obstructions to navigation, as you know. And they are at sufferance if we allow them at all. So we just have not had too many problems.

However, I might go further and say the reason we have not had too many problems is these local cooperation projects take some time to have authorization. They have public hearings. The local interests in effect generate it and have to support it right up to Congress and to the Committee on Public Works. These problems are apparent. And when there are people displaced, obviously, this comes out in the hearings.

So normally, we have not in these types of projects had much trouble on the displacement of persons and local interests, to my knowledge, have had no real problem.

So from a real estate standpoint, and the Corps of Engineers directorate of real estate is responsible for these types of payments, we have had no real problems over, I know, the last 15 years, anyway.

Mr. RILEY. I might mention that in connection with these items of local cooperation, it has to be a legally constituted body of the State and the State laws would also tend to protect these particular people.

Senator MUSKIE. I think we will include at this point in the record the language of the rivers project, section 804, which is included in the context of the colloquy with the Bureau of the Budget as follows:

SEC. 804. Whenever real property is acquired by a State agency for a Federal public improvement project, the Federal agency having authority over such project may only accept such property in those cases in which the acquiring State agency has made relocation payments, provided relocation assistance, and provided assurance of availability of housing as required in the case of acquisitions of real property by a Federal agency, such payments and assistance to be considered a part of the real property acquisition cost.

Mr. HART. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did not put it in because I think my statement is a little bit long. However, since this is a Department of Defense report, I did try to make it a little more detailed, since we have not sent you a formal report.

Senator MUSKIE. It has been very helpful.

Senator Baker?

Senator BAKER. I have no questions, Senator.

Senator MUSKIE. Our next witness is Mr. Bettin Stalling.

I would like to express my appreciation to you for your thoughtfulness to the committee, your graciousness, and your patience in waiting.