

Mr. BASFORD. I will have to give you a different background. I called an areawide conference in regard to this matter back in October or November of 1967 because in Jacksonville we are not just involved in what our problem is in one county, in Duval County, because the St. John's River basin starts way down at St. Augustine and it has interstate aspects now. So we met our commissioners and both city officials and county officials and we were having a survey of all sections, even with the county just south of us, and we agreed to cooperate in our pollution control and the sharing of information, and the Jacksonville, Duval County Planning Board now serves three other counties. These are our stepbrothers and little brothers all around us there. So anything that would help them would also help us solve our complex urban problems by giving them assistance and making their places equally desirable to live in. They know that through transportation and other things that if they benefit we also benefit. In many places we have formed area groups of businessmen, of political leaders, and others not to deal with just one county or one municipality but with the whole area.

I do think, to answer your question, that this might be one of the ways—this vehicle might be one of the ways to accomplish your desired purpose and I think all of our purposes. We all feel that way.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Basford, I want to thank you for an excellent statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Schwengel.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. I too wish to commend you for a fine statement and I think we will benefit from your testimony.

Mr. BASFORD. Thank you, sir. We hope to do a lot of business on our cross-State barge canal.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, gentlemen.

The next witness is Mr. Jesse Calhoon of the AFL-CIO Maritime Committee. We are glad to welcome you before the committee, gentlemen.

OIL POLLUTION CONTROL

STATEMENT OF JESSE M. CALHOON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL MARINE ENGINEERS' BENEFICIAL ASSOCIATION (AFL-CIO); ACCOMPANIED BY HOYT HADDOCK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. CALHOON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am Jesse M. Calhoon, president, National Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (AFL-CIO), and I am accompanied by Hoyt Haddock, executive director of the AFL-CIO Maritime Committee.

At the outset, I wish to state on behalf of National Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (AFL-CIO), the union I am privileged to represent as president, and the AFL-CIO Maritime Committee, composed of the National Marine Engineers Association, the International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots, the National Maritime Union, the International Association of Longshoremen, Great Lakes Seamen Local 5000 of the United Steelworkers of America, American Radio Association, and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilders Workers of America, that we recognize the many problems which are created by oil pollution of our navigable waters.