

Mr. SNYDER. Do you contemplate there might be a recommendation?

Colonel PICK. In the future we will undoubtedly complete our study of the Tanana River.

Mr. SNYDER. You do not have in mind that a study there might reveal some plan now that would relieve the situation downstream and maybe make the dike necessary?

Colonel PICK. Yes, sir; that was one of the alternatives we studied in conjunction with this report. It was found to be excessive in cost, and was not justified.

Mr. SNYDER. How many alternatives did you study?

Colonel PICK. We studied approximately four alternatives.

Mr. SNYDER. This is the bestest for the mostest?

Colonel PICK. This is the best alternative.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Clausen?

Mr. CLAUSEN. Have all the local resolutions guaranteeing local support, been provided for by the local political subdivisions?

Colonel PICK. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. There is no tieup at all, as far as the local sponsorship is concerned?

Colonel PICK. None.

Mr. CLAUSEN. It is my understanding that it may have been one of the previous problems with the early authorization, that you had difficulty getting.

Colonel PICK. I believe there was difficulty in getting the local cooperative effort at the start of the advanced planning and design stage.

Mr. CLAUSEN. So, you see no particular problem in this particular recommendation?

Colonel PICK. None at this time.

Mr. JONES. Are there any further questions?

Mr. SNYDER. Is the status of this project now that it has been sent to the State agencies for comment?

Colonel PICK. Yes, sir; it has. Upon return, the Chief of Engineers will make his final report and submit it to the Secretary of the Army for submission to the Bureau of the Budget and then to the Congress.

Mr. SNYDER. Will it be submitted before the omnibus bill comes up?

Colonel PICK. We hope to.

Mr. CLAUSEN. This will be of great deal of interest to not only the committee members here but other people, I am certain; and I am hopeful that you and General Noble will do everything possible to expedite this project through the agencies. And if you could somehow transmit a message to the agencies and advise them of the urgency, those of us who were up there with the committee recognized the very serious problem these people have, because of the short construction season. I am sure you are familiar with this, and I want to know if you can urge the other agencies to get their reports in so we can consider it.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much.

I am pleased to see in the audience today one of the former members, who was a very dedicated, fine member, of the Public Works Committee, the Honorable Ralph J. Rivers, of Alaska.

We are pleased to see you, Ralph. Would you come up here on the