

BEAVER BROOK DAM, CONNECTICUT RIVER BASIN, N.H.

Mr. CLEVELAND. As the chairman knows, the full Committee on Public Works is meeting downstairs on the highway authorization bill, and because I am on the Roads Subcommittee I am going to have to leave these hearings, but I did want to inform the committee that this first project, the Beaver Brook Dam, Connecticut River Basin, N.H., is one that I am pleased to endorse.

As the gentlemen from the Corps of Engineers know, putting dams in, in New Hampshire, is not always easy. We have some disagreements about some of them, but apparently this is one that meets with general approval of the people in the community and apparently the cost-benefit ratio is satisfactory and I have heard no objection from any of my constituents about this installation.

As I said, we have had some dams that the corps has planned in New Hampshire that have resulted in rather violent local objection. In this case I have heard of no objection and I hope the committee will consider it favorably.

Mr. JONES. Thank you very much.

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General NOBLE. Mr. Chairman, it is a pleasure to appear before you this morning.

I am Brig. Gen. Charles C. Noble, and I have only recently taken over my present assignment as Director of Civil Works, and I am looking forward to continuing the close cooperation maintained by my predecessors with your committee. We are here to discuss with you the Corps of Engineers' civil works survey investigations favorable to water and related land resource developments, the need for increased monetary basin authorizations and other matters before your committee.

I would like to summarize briefly the present status of specific project proposals and monetary authorization requirements.

There are 41 Department of the Army reports pending before the Congress which propose authorization of Federal water resource projects—15 reports in the navigation and beach erosion control categories and 26 in the flood control, multiple-purpose, and hurricane protection categories. The estimated Federal cost of the projects recommended in these reports amounts to about \$1 billion.

In addition to these reports there are 54 reports in the final stages of coordination with the States, Federal agencies, and the Bureau of