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NORWALK RIVER BASIN—CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK

Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report concerns improvement of the Norwalk River through the towns of Norwalk and Wilton, Conn., in the interest of flood control. It is in partial response to a resolution by the Senate Public Works Committee.

The lower reach of the river flows through highly developed urban and industrial areas and a recurrence of the largest past flood would now cause damages estimated at \$8 million. The corps has improved a short length of channel downstream from the work now being recommended. The Soil Conservation Service has an authorized upstream watershed work plan which will afford some downstream benefit.

The plan recommended will fit closely with the authorized SCS plan and when both are constructed a good degree of flood protection will be provided. Our project includes about 2 miles of channel improvement, together with dikes, floodwalls, interior drainage, and bridge modifications. Total cost is estimated at \$4.3 million, of which \$2.7 million would be Federal. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.3. Usual items of local cooperation are required and assurances of such cooperation have been received. All interested Federal and State agencies favor the project and the Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

Since the Federal cost of this project is less than \$10 million, the views set forth by the Secretary of the Army in his letter of January 6, 1967, submitting a draft bill to amend section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965 would apply.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. What is the modification of this project changing the authorization in 1955?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, an authorization in 1951 resulted in a 1,700-foot channel improvement for flood control approximately 1 mile downstream from the present area we are talking about. The authorization of 1955 was a Senate Public Works Committee resolution calling for a study of all the streams in the Northeastern States.

Mr. JONES. That is the only alteration?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. JONES. Any questions?

Mr. CLAUSEN. No questions.

Mr. JONES. Next is the Park River Basin, Conn. and N.Y.

STATEMENT OF HON. DONALD J. IRWIN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Mr. IRWIN. Mr. Chairman, I am appearing before your committee today on behalf of the city of Norwalk and the town of Wilton, Conn., both in my congressional district.

The committee already has a wealth of information about this project in the record, so I shall not take your time and repeat any of the details of the project.