

Mr. JONES. So there is likely to be a comment from the Secretary of the Army and the Bureau of the Budget.

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. JONES. Next project is the Alabama-Coosa River system at and in the vicinity of Selma, Ala.

ALABAMA RIVER AT SELMA, ALA.

Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report concerns improvement of the Alabama River for flood control at and near Selma, Ala. It is in response to resolutions by the House Public Works Committee.

There are no existing flood control projects in the area. Local interests desire improvements to eliminate flood damages. The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends construction of levees, interior drainage facilities, and a pumping plant at Selma and at Selmont, Ala., across the river from Selma. Total estimated cost of the project is \$7,080,000 of which \$6,395,000 would be Federal. The benefit-cost ratios are 1.2 for Selma, 1.5 for Selmont.

Local interests are willing to provide the normal items of local cooperation.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, is this a modification?

Colonel SEIDEL. No, sir, there are no flood control projects in the area at this time. The State and Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, and Transportation favor the project. The report is with the S/A for transmittal to BOB for clearance as to its relationship to the program of the President prior to its submission to Congress by the S/A.

This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Any questions?

Mr. JOHNSON. No questions.

Mr. JONES. At this point I will call upon my colleague, Tom Bevill of Alabama.

STATEMENT OF HON. TOM BEVILL, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF ALABAMA

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Chairman, I wish to go on record as strongly supporting the continued development of the Alabama-Coosa River System and respectfully urge and request the Public Works Committee to give it favorable consideration.

Projects and amounts on which requested authorization is planned to be used are as follows:

Project	Amounts	
	Through calendar year 1968	Through calendar year 1969
Alabama River channel improvement, Alabama.....	50,000	1,150,000
Carters Dam, Ga.....	12,070,000	36,470,000
Claiborne lock and dam, Alabama.....	3,000,000	3,730,000
Jones Bluff lock and dam, Alabama.....	12,480,000	22,480,000
Millers Ferry lock and dam, Alabama.....	1,500,000	1,530,000
Total requested authorization.....	29,100,000	65,360,000