

Mr. JONES. How often do they relax those restrictions, that is when a request comes about by some industrial development or use that would be adverse to the project?

Colonel ANDERSON. I do not know, sir, but that low-lying area is only being used as farmland now and then only to a limited extent.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Do they have flood plain zoning adopted?

Colonel ANDERSON. Jefferson County has for some time been exercising control of development in the flood plain to the extent of their legislative and judicial authority. They have been instrumental in preventing development in the high hazard flood areas. However, further practical management of the flood plain would not have a significant effect in reducing future flood damages.

Mr. JONES. I recall a long time ago we had those assurances but it was not very lasting and they did relax and they did build on flood plains and then came back for protective work.

Mr. JOHNSON, do you have any questions?

Mr. JOHNSON. Has the local interest met your requirements in flood plain zoning that was adopted and was satisfactory to your recommendation?

Colonel ANDERSON. Sir, we make recommendations to local interests that they adopt flood plain zoning, flood proofing, and flood plain management in certain cases where structural works cannot be economically justified, and we assist them technically in such matters, but we do not have the authority to enforce flood plain zoning.

Mr. JOHNSON. Well, you do lay down certain recommendations, do you not?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir.

Mr. JOHNSON. You figure the zoning laws are lax and do not meet your recommendation?

Colonel ANDERSON. For this problem area we are recommending structural measures, a levee and floodwall, since we consider that any further flood plain zoning that could be practically enforced would not be effective. At other localities we frequently have assisted local communities by furnishing technical information upon which they can develop a flood plain zoning and management plan. We also furnish information on methods of flood proofing buildings already situated in flood plains.

Mr. JOHNSON. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Any further questions?

Next we have the south branch Wild Rice River—Felton ditch, Minnesota. My colleague, the Honorable Odin Langen from Minnesota. Please proceed.

SOUTH BRANCH OF WILD RICE RIVER AND FELTON DITCH, MINNESOTA

STATEMENT OF HON. ODIN LANGEN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

Mr. LANGEN. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I welcome the opportunity of submitting remarks in behalf of the South Branch Wild Rice River-Felton Ditch, Minnesota, flood control project.

The South Branch of the Wild Rice River and Felton Ditch are tributaries of the Wild Rice River, an eastern tributary of the Red