

359,000, all Federal. Local interests would repay \$156,000 for their share of recreation costs. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.3 without redevelopment benefits and 1.5 with such benefits. Local interests have indicated willingness to meet all requirements of local cooperation.

The report has been submitted to the State of Minnesota and the interested Federal agencies. Upon receipt of the comments, the report of the Chief of Engineers will be sent to the Bureau of the Budget through the Secretary of the Army prior to its submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army. This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. And on this you do not have the comments of the Bureau of the Budget?

Colonel ANDERSON. No, sir.

Mr. JONES. Do you have any indication the Bureau of the Budget is going to make available a report as long as you calculate redevelopment?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir. The project is economically justified even without considering the area redevelopment benefits.

Mr. JONES. You do?

Colonel ANDERSON. Yes, sir. This project is not unique in any respect from similar projects that Budget has cleared.

Mr. JONES. I wonder why then the Bureau of the Budget does not make available the transmission.

Colonel ANDERSON. They have not received the report yet, sir. It is still out to the State and the agencies.

Mr. JONES. I see. We will hear again from my distinguished colleague from the State of Minnesota, Hon. Odin Langen.

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

Mr. LANGEN. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am delighted that you are considering the Wild Rice River project for flood control, general recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. I am grateful for the privilege of submitting a statement in behalf of this worthwhile project.

As you know, the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors of the Department of the Army recently approved and recommended this project, calling for construction of a dam and reservoir on the Wild Rice River above Twin Valley, Minn. The Board concurred in the views and recommendations of the reporting officers, emphasizing that the proposed improvements are economically justified and the requirements of local cooperation are generally appropriate. After many years of efforts to gain such approval, it was gratifying that the Board recommended the construction of the dam and reservoir for flood control, general recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. The estimated cost of the project is \$8,359,000 for construction and \$19,900 annually for maintenance, operation, and replacements. The Government (Federal) share is estimated at \$8,203,000 for construction and \$12,600 annually for operation, with local interests paying the difference.

The dam itself would be constructed of earth and would be 91 feet high to protect the lower reaches of the Wild Rice River and the Marsh River from flooding. The dam would reduce average annual flood damages along these rivers by about 54 percent.