

As recently as June 1964, seven persons were killed and property damages were \$5 million by reason of floods in his district.

This project or projects is very well justified and that is my reason for coming away from the full committee this morning and coming up here to this subcommittee as I was interested and wanted to bring this project especially to the attention of this subcommittee.

I thank the Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Thank you.

Mr. Cunningham, please.

STATEMENT OF HON. GLENN CUNNINGHAM, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Chairman, I am here today, June 18, to testify in favor of the authorization of the Papillion Creek, Nebr., flood control project now under consideration by this subcommittee.

I believe this project is vital to the general well-being of the people living in the Papillion Creek Basin and to the State of Nebraska.

The plan of improvement recommended by the Chief of Engineers and which I support consists of a multiple-purpose system of 21 rolled earth fill dams and reservoirs for flood control, recreation, fish and wildlife enhancement, and water quality control.

The estimated cost of the 21 dams and reservoirs is \$26,800,000. The price includes non-Federal reimbursements of \$1,866,000 for recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement. The estimated cost-benefit ratio for the work is a highly favorable 2:0.

The Papillion Creek Basin is located entirely in the Second Congressional District. As the Representative in Congress of the people of that district and as one who has worked long and hard to bring this project to the point where it can be considered by this committee, I believe it would be proper for me to give a brief rundown on the history of the basin and the steps leading to today's hearing.

PREVIOUS STUDIES AND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

A Corps of Engineers study of the Papillion Creek Basin was completed in 1961 and identified a number of flood control and upper watershed projects. From that study the only project recommended for authorization was channel improvement work on Little Papillion Creek in the Omaha metropolitan area. This work was authorized in 1962 and is currently nearing completion.

Following a severe flood in June of 1964, which I would like to talk about at some length later in my testimony, the people of the basin joined in demanding immediate action to provide for an effective flood control program in the entire Papillion Creek Basin.

In response to their demand, I submitted a resolution to restudy the basin to the House Public Works Committee and that resolution was adopted on September 3, 1964. Senators Roman Hruska and Carl Curtis submitted similar resolutions to the Senate Public Works Committee which acted quickly to adopt a resolution authorizing restudy of the flood problems of the basin. The Senate committee's resolution for restudy came during the same month as the flood, June 1964.

RESULTS OF RESTUDY

Study efforts were initiated shortly after the resolution was adopted and a public hearing on the study was held in Omaha on November 6,