

authority for appropriations. This limitation on authority has been increased by the Congress periodically to permit proceeding on schedule with the construction of the projects in the authorized plan.

At the present time, there are 20 basin development plans, subject to monetary authorization limitations. The authorization provided to date, including that provided last year in passage of Public Law 90-17, is, in most instances, adequate for work to be performed during the 1968 construction season, but it is not sufficient to cover the funding requests in the President's budget for 1969 nor for the 1969 construction season.

Deficiencies in monetary authorization will exist in 13 basins, totaling about \$469 million through the end of calendar year 1969. Based on our projection for calendar year 1970, the deficiencies for the 2 years would involve 14 basins and the total deficit would amount to about \$997 million.

The details of the monetary authorization have been furnished to the committee showing the deficit in each individual basin as projected through calendar years 1969 and 1970.¹

I would like to illustrate the concept of the need for additional monetary authorization by referring to the chart depicting the situation in the Ohio Basin.

In the Ohio Basin, the total estimated cost of all authorized projects in the basin plan is \$1,349 million. The present limit of the amount which can be appropriated to advance the construction of authorized projects in the basin is \$1,053 million. The appropriations through fiscal year 1968 total \$1,023 million. With the budget request for fiscal year 1969, the total appropriation will reach \$1,056 million which exceeds the monetary limit of \$1,053 million. The projection of appropriation requirements through calendar year 1970 would bring the total monetary authorization needed to \$1,151 million. As shown on the chart, this would exceed the monetary limitation on appropriations by some \$98 million.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my formal statement. I am available to answer any questions and Mr. Cohen, head of our programs division, is also here to assist in answering the questions.

Mr. JONES. I think we ought to discuss the individual basins, General Noble.

General NOBLE. All right, sir.

We have some 14 basins, sir, that are involved in shortages of authorization through 1970; 13 of these are involved in the calendar year 1969 time frame.

The first basin, the Alabama-Coosa River Basin, we have an approved budget in fiscal year 1969 of \$28 million. We estimate that our deficit through the end of calendar year 1969—that will carry us through the construction season of next year—is \$29 million. And projecting our need in authorization through calendar year 1970, it would be \$65 million. That is comparable to the \$98 million deficit I just noted for the Ohio River Basin.

Mr. JONES. Now, what is the nature of the works? Do you have a prospectus of the work that has been accomplished on the project? What is to be done with the \$29 million? How is it to be invested? Do we have that?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir; we do. The statement includes all of this, sir.

¹ See p. 711.