

Mr. JONES. I am glad those figures are in there, because we always find trouble when somebody gets up on the floor, you have a project that is authorized for, say, \$50 million in 1957, the cost has gone up, and they say the corps should give you reliable figures. So with those figures, we can point out to the full committee and to Members of the House that they are current.

General NOBLE. Yes, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And this would qualify, under established benefit-cost ratio criteria, to the point that portion which is being authorized will continue to sustain its economic feasibility?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir. We update the economic justification for these projects in connection with our appropriation requests. All we do is update. We do not undertake a detailed restudy of each project again.

Mr. JONES. I think one of the beauties of the basin authorization plan is the fact that the authorization bears some relationship to the figures that are to be considered by the Appropriations Committee. There is not going to be a great variance between the figures that we consider and the figures that the Appropriations Committees would consider.

General NOBLE. There should not be any, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And of course the Bureau of the Budget would have its own scrutinizing process.

Mr. JONES. We do not have any question of the Budget Bureau on any of these as I understand?

Mr. COHEN. No, sir.

Mr. JONES. Do you want to go into any of these basins? The information is printed. The figures are clear for all the basins and the amounts are set forth for each project, plus the total amount, \$469 million.

Mr. EDMONDSON. I have no questions personally, Mr. Chairman, of a specific nature with regard to any of the projects. I would like to get on the record a statement of the general, if we can have it, as to the essential requirements for getting this \$469 million authorized if we are going to have an orderly construction program in 1969.

General NOBLE. Well, sir, it is essential for two reasons. In the absence of it, we cannot use the appropriations, because we do not have authorization to cover it. And if we do not have enough to cover our program as it is laid out, we cannot let our contracts.

Mr. JONES. In other words, you will have to discontinue the existing work?

General NOBLE. That is right. Yes, sir. Or if we let our contracts without assurance that we are going to get it covered by authorization, then this uncertainty is going to raise Cain with our bids.

Mr. EDMONDSON. So even though you might have authorization sufficient to carry you up to June 30, 1969, for the purpose of orderly procedure and for the purpose of orderly planning and development of your works, you need to have enough authorization to carry you on through this calendar year 1969?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir. Cover the construction season.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Then we understand that you will offer to the committee a clear record of any of the possible problems that you have encountered so that should there be question between the time that the Flood Control Subcommittee wraps up its work and the full commit-