they would not be in conformity with the other established projects?

Colonel HALL. The recommendations in the Chief's report and the reporting officers for the work recommended that the local interests would be required under the terms of the local cooperation to maintain levees in accordance with certain provisions of law. The Federal Government would provide land easements and rights-of-way.

The Secretary and the Bureau of the Budget took an opposing view as outlined. You see, the requirements of local cooperation as recommended by the Chief would be that which conforms now to other work undertaken in the St. Francis Basin.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Well, as initially presented, how does it differ from any other project? This is what I do not understand.

Colonel HALL. In the St. Francis Basin on projects now authorized to which this would be a modification, local interests are required to maintain levees as authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1946.

The land easements and rights of way are Federal responsibility and are provided by the Federal Government.

Other projects in other places of the country other than St. Francis generally have the requirements of local cooperation as recommended by the Secretary and the Bureau of the Budget. They are the normal a, b, c's established by the Flood Control Act of 1936.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Do I understand you correctly, have the local interests indicated their willingness to accept this responsibility?

Colonel HALL. The local interests have indicated their willingness to accept the requirements of local cooperation as recommended in the Chief's and in the Mississippi River Commission's report. I do not know their views with respect to the Secretary and the Bureau of the Budget's provisions.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Who is the local political subdivision? Is this drainage district 17?

Colonel HALL. The drainage district in the respective area.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is this an elective body?

Colonel HALL. Yes, they are elected.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Did you adopt a resolution to the effect that they would meet local requirements?

Colonel HALL. I do not know whether it was by resolution or not but it was by formal correspondence between the district engineer and the entities involved.

Mr. CLAUSEN. The engineer's office. Is that on file?

Colonel HALL. Yes, sir. One other comment, if I may add to my statement, sir. The comment from the State of Missouri and Arkansas with respect to the Chief's report did not, of course, address the view of the Secretary of the Army and the Bureau of the Budget so I would like to make that point.

Mr. CLAUSEN. But the net result is that you have a different opinion between the Chief and the Bureau of the Budget?

Colonel HALL. That is correct.

Mr. JOHNSON. Any further questions?

We will now hear from Hon. E. C. Gathings, the Congressman from the area. You people can remain seated there because you will go right back on after Congressman Gathings.

We will now hear from the Congressman from the affected area.