

Local interests are willing to meet the requirements of local co-operation.

The board of engineers for rivers and harbors acted favorably on the report of the division engineer on June 18, 1968. The proposed report of the Chief of Engineers is being prepared for processing to the State and Federal agencies for review and comment prior to its submission to the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Chairman, that completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Any questions?

The gentleman from Iowa, Mr. Schwengel.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Is there any silting problem in this area?

Colonel SEIDEL. A silting problem?

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Yes.

Colonel SEIDEL. No, sir.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. Watersheds are well developed so you do not have any silt coming down?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, this is the downstream dam of a series of dams within the river's 80-mile length and we have no silting problem.

Mr. SCHWENGEL. So there is no silting problem there at all?

Colonel SEIDEL. No, sir.

Mr. CLAUSEN. You have a general proximity map up there. Where is it located? Is it in the downtown Boston area?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

General NOBLE. In the vicinity of MIT.

Mr. CLAUSEN. That is all.

Mr. JONES. Thank you, very much. I will place in the record at this point a statement from the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Inc.

MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION, INC.,
Boston, Mass., July 3, 1968.

STATEMENT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZATION OF A NEW DAM IN THE CHARLES RIVER BASIN (MASSACHUSETTS) FRANK J. LEO, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION, INC.

We respectfully ask that authorization for the construction of a new dam in the lower Charles River (Mass.) Basin, by the Corps of Engineers, await completion of a pending legislative investigation of the need for this facility.

The position of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation is that a new dam is unnecessary to achieve the purposes for which it is proposed, namely, flood control, navigational improvement and reduction of pollution.

We have been advised by qualified engineers that these same objectives can be reached through improvements in the present dam and elsewhere in the Basin area, at a cost only a fraction of the cost of a new dam.

While our advisers are not entirely agreed as to whether the existing gravity sluicing system can be made to serve adequately, or whether pumps should be installed at the present dam as originally proposed, they are fully agreed that a new dam is unnecessary.

For reasons of professional ethics, these advisers have not been willing to criticize publicly the work of the Metropolitan District Commission's engineers—Charles A. Maguire & Associates. Two of them, however, did testify before the Massachusetts House Committee on Ways & Means in executive session, over a year ago. As a result this Committee recommended the formation of a special legislative investigating commission to study the need for a new dam. Such a commission was established by Chapter 118 of the 1967 Resolves. Appointments to this special commission are only now being completed.

It is our expectation that funds will be made available to the commission which will permit it to employ independent engineering council to review the Maguire plans on an ethical basis. It is our understanding that the Corps of Engineers has relied quite largely on engineering work of the Maguire firm in arriving at its own recommendations. Thus we are insisting on objectivity in the special commission's review.