

the Cape Canaveral area and the other along the heavily built-up Miami Beach. Local interests have agreed to pay the major share of cost of both of these projects. These beaches are important recreational and public use areas, essential to the economy of the region served. Details of these projects are contained in the statement for the record submitted to your committee. We request your favorable consideration for authorization of these two beach erosion control projects.

A hurricane protection project for Hillborough Bay, an arm of the Tampa Bay, is designed to protect the expensive and highly developed urban and industrial developments along the bay front at Tampa. Hurricanes passing over or near Tampa Bay have generated tides exceeding 14 feet at Tampa. Such tidal waves would cause serious flooding today and extremely heavy property damage along the bay front. Much of the bay front development is constructed only 4 to 5 feet above sea level. The project would be extremely valuable as a protection in Hillsborough Bay and is recommended by the State for authorization, subject to review by the Public Works Committee after preconstruction studies are made to determine wave effect on other areas of Tampa Bay and the effects of the project on pollution in the waters of the bay.

We realize that reports on some of the projects for which we request authorization may not have been processed by all Federal agencies and their comments may not have been available in time for the Chief of Engineers to submit the reports to Congress in final form. However, all of these projects have been studied by the Corps of Engineers and favorably reported by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors.

If any of the reports discussed have not reached your committee before the hearings are completed, we hope that you may call up any interested agency to present their comments so the committee may consider the project before markup of the omnibus bill.

We hope that these project reports having cleared the Board will be favorably considered by your committee for inclusion in the omnibus bill for 1968.

I would like to express appreciation for Congressman Cramer's assistance in preparing for our presentation, and for the help of the committee staff assistant, Mr. Les Eddleman, in arranging for our appearance before the committee. It has been a great pleasure for us to have this opportunity, and we are deeply grateful for your time.

Mr. JONES. Thank you, Mr. Adams.

Mr. Cramer.

Mr. CRAMER. I will yield to the other members that might have questions at this point.

Mr. CLAUSEN. I do not have any major questions at this point, other than to certainly compliment you, Mr. Adams, for what I think is one of the finest presentations that we have had a chance to observe. It is quite obvious you are getting proper tutoring from someplace, because so many times there is a difference of opinion among the delegations that come in. And this consolidated presentation on the part of your entire delegation certainly makes our task much easier. We appreciate it very much.

Mr. ADAMS. Thank you.

Mr. JONES. We are not going to let you get away without hearing from Colonel Kelly. This would not be a proper discussion without an observation from him.