

Mr. PEPPER. There are differences of opinion in our community. But we are all united in realizing the utter necessity of this beach erosion project, and so we will reconcile our local differences of opinion in a way that will be compatible with the execution of this project. Thank you very much.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you.

Mr. FASCELL.

Mr. FASCELL. Mr. Chairman, to wind up the Florida delegation, our distinguished colleague from Tampa, Sam Gibbons.

**STATEMENT OF HON. SAM GIBBONS, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

Mr. GIBBONS. I appreciate the opportunity to come here and support the Florida project. I represent a district that was formerly represented by Congressman Cramer. Don't spend all your money this one time, because I am going to have a real big project for you next year, the deepening of the Tampa Harbor, which is a great national as well as local asset. Thank you very much.

Mr. CLAUSEN. You would like to get these projects out of the way.

Mr. GIBBONS. I would like to get all of these out of the way, so there will be nothing else in competition with that next year.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Any other witnesses to appear before the committee from the Florida delegation? Mr. Adams, does this take care of your presentation?

Mr. ADAMS. It does, indeed, Congressman. We are grateful to you for your time.

Mr. CRAMER. I appreciate the presentation that has been made by my colleagues and the Board of Conservation of Florida representatives present for this presentation.

I am always impressed—although this is not a self-serving declaration—but I would like to say it is a real privilege and pleasure to work with you all.

In the manner set out under Florida law, and the manner in which we all work together in the interests of the State, and present a united front relating to projects. We are not one fighting the other, trying to get priority over the other. But rather through the State board of conservation and the cabinet, we have a united approach to water resources in the State of Florida. In my opinion, this has contributed more to the advancement of the projects on a unified basis than anything I can remember in the history of the State. I am very proud to be a part of that effort.

Mr. ADAMS. Thank you, Bill, we are grateful to you.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Adams, I have already stated this, in complimenting you for the coordinated presentation.

Frankly, I think some of the other States of the Union could follow what I think is the leadership on the part of you people in the State of Florida in presenting it in this manner. This matter of having an imbalanced delegation—any of you who know Bill Cramer very well, you know it take about 10 to offset his one voice in any matter that comes before the Congress.

Mr. ADAMS. I can only say, Congressman, we are just delighted to have him on our side in this matter.