

Favorable comments have been received from the State of Florida and the Departments of the Interior and Commerce.

The Bureau of the Budget states that because of the project's very marginal justification, it is its view that the further detailed studies should be completed before the proposed barrier improvements are considered for authorization. It believes authorization of construction of the proposed barrier improvements at this time would be premature. The Bureau concurs in the Chief of Engineers' recommendation that a complete investigation and study of water utilization and control in the Tampa Bay region be authorized. It believes, however, that the Chief of Engineers should carefully investigate alternatives to the hydraulic model such as computer model analysis and the more conventional water resources analysis methods and prepare a cost-effectiveness analysis for such alternatives. It further believes that a complete investigation and study of water utilization and control in the Tampa Bay region should be a multiagency effort involving the Department of the Interior, other Federal agencies, and interested State agencies.

The Secretary of the Army concurs with the Bureau of the Budget and will submit to the Congress proposed legislation for this study.

Mr. Chairman, that completes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Are there questions?

Mr. CLAUSEN. As I understand your basic recommendation, you place major emphasis on the need for further study.

Colonel SEIDEL. We recognize, sir, there was a requirement for a study, and recommended accordingly that the study be completed prior to initiation of construction. At this time we would recommend authorization for construction, however.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you. The Chief of Engineers recommends it. General, do you have any comment?

General NOBLE. I just wanted the point clarified that the report indicates that the Chief of Engineers recommends authorization of the project, and in addition this model study, prior to construction of the project.

I do not know where the study would be made. That would certainly be one of the considerations. It might be set up locally. I do not believe the investigations have been made yet as to the proper site.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Do you have other model studies of a similar type in existence now?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir. The Chesapeake has a model study. San Francisco Harbor has a model study. We have a model of the Mississippi, of course.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Are those projects in place that followed the construction of a model?

General NOBLE. Yes, sir. Mississippi River, I think, is a classic example.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Thank you.

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Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report concerns improvement of about 14.5 miles of the Atlantic