

mound, not different from a natural beach. Natural beaches also have such irregularities.

Mr. CRAMER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Martin County, Fla.

#### MARTIN COUNTY, FLA.

Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report is on Martin County in southern Florida an Atlantic coastal county lying east of Lake Okeechobee and about 20 miles north of the Palm Beach.

The Chief of Engineers, in his proposed plan of improvement, recommends modification of the existing central and southern Florida project to provide a system of canals and control structures for flood control, drainage, and irrigation serving portions of Martin and St. Lucie Counties. The system would be connected with the overall project; however, construction of the irrigation features would be deferred until modifications recommended in the report on water resources for central and southern Florida are authorized and the Chief of Engineers is assured that adequate water is available for Martin County. Total estimated cost of the proposed Martin County project is \$15,471,000, of which \$8,072,000 would be Federal. The benefit-cost ratio is 15.3.

Local interests are willing to provide the normal items of local cooperation. The State of Florida and the interested Federal agencies favor the report. The report of the Chief of Engineers is being sent to the Bureau of the Budget through the Secretary of the Army prior to its submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Water resources for central and southern Florida.

#### WATER RESOURCES FOR CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report is a proposed modification of the central and southern Florida project which lies in the southern half of Florida.

The project, first authorized in 1948, is now about 55 percent complete. A prolonged drought lasting from 1961 to 1965 emphasized the need for increased water supplies to meet growing urban and agricultural water needs and to provide sufficient flow to preserve the Everglades National Park.

The proposed modification will provide additional storage capacity in Lake Okeechobee, conveyance canals and back-pumping capability that will meet estimated water needs to about the year 2000, facilitate delivery of water to Everglades National Park, and provide related recreational facilities. The estimated Federal cost is \$58,182,000 of which \$3,058,000 is reimbursable for recreation. The benefit-cost ratio is 2.8, exclusive of large benefits to Everglades National Park which are not susceptible to evaluation.

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