

of the Army under the circumstances existing in the section of the river within which these works are being installed to recommend that non-Federal interests be required to maintain bank protection works installed at Federal expense. The Congress has generally concurred in such recommendations, and has thus indicated an intent to limit Federal responsibility to the installation of such measures.

That intent is consistent with the congressional policies governing shore protection projects and with the Federal flood control policies under which non-Federal interests are required to operate and maintain levees and other local protection works.

In light of these precedents, the Department of the Army recommends the deletion of the phrase "and maintenance and operation by the Federal Government," appearing at the end of the last sentence of H.R. 3402.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the committee.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my statement.

Mr. JONES. Thank you. I will place in the record at this point statements and letters relative to the Arkansas River project.

I see that our colleague, Mr. Kleppe, has just entered the room.

Congressman Kleppe, we are pleased to welcome you before the committee and having had a previous discussion with you and some of your constituents when they were down in Washington, D.C., expressing concern over the project relating to your H.R. 3402, the erosion problem of the Missouri River around Bismarck, N. Dak., I have had the privilege of having heard from your own constituency direct, so we are pleased to have you appear before the committee in support of your recommendation.

STATEMENT OF HON. THOMAS S. KLEPPE, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Mr. KLEPPE. I have a very brief statement that I would like to present to the committee, if I could.

I have a good many statements from citizens in the Bismarck area that have been submitted for the record.

Mr. CLAUSEN. How many statements would you have?

Mr. KLEPPE. Eleven besides my own.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is there any objection?

Mr. KLEPPE. I have a list of the individuals and their titles and positions.

I appear here this afternoon to call your attention to the bank erosion problem on the Missouri River in and around the vicinity of Bismarck and Mandan, N. Dak. This problem has reached emergency proportions because of the very serious water releases from the Garrison Dam. This fluctuation from zero to as much as 36,000 cubic feet per second has caused banks of the Missouri to collapse, which presently are threatening the water intake structure and the sewer outfall structure on the Bismarck side of the river. Also threatened is the