

sewer outfall structure on the Mandan side. Within the past 3 weeks, the water intake structure for the large United Power and Basin Electric generating plants upstream from Bismarck and Mandan has taken on serious proportions.

The knowledgeable people concerned with this problem have indicated that our problem is particularly acute this year because the large increase in the water supply came when the frost was out of the ground and the banks were soft. The corresponding additional pressures have washed many parts of the bank away.

The bank erosion along the Missouri River from Garrison Dam to Oahe Dam has already caused a great deal of loss to very valuable river bottom land. This loss comes on top of the emergency aspect I recited previously.

There has previously been authorized, appropriated, and spent, \$3 million for this bank stabilization work. H.R. 3402, a bill I introduced January 10, 1967, provides for an additional \$7 million. The best estimates I have received are that emergency expenditures necessary to save the structures I described will approach \$6 million. Unless very prompt action is taken to provide this additional authority and these additional funds, the losses to the cities of Bismarck and Mandan, plus the losses to United Power and Basin Electric, could be very severe. In each instance, the taxpayers of this country have already participated in some of these investments and those investments are now in jeopardy.

The Corps of Engineers have accepted this situation as being an emergency and based on previous experience, they do have an understanding of how to correct the problem.

With regard to the problems confronting the two power-generating plants, there are at this time \$50,000 in emergency funds under section 14 of the Flood Control Act of 1946. These funds have been made available to the local interests for this bank stabilization work. However, the estimate is that \$500,000 will be needed to complete the work for the two powerplants alone, and it is a great deal more than just a little problem for local interests involved to raise the additional funds. Therefore, any money authorized and appropriated under H.R. 3402 would assure that this emergency work could be completed quickly and competently.

It is my sincere and urgent hope that you will consider the emergency aspect of this situation and give it your serious consideration.

On April 22, 12 people representing many organizations from Bismarck and Mandan, N. Dak., and vicinity, came to Washington and testified before the Senate Public Works Subcommittee on Flood Control—Rivers and Harbors, and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, regarding this emergency. These same people told their story to Miss Augusta B. Peters, Mr. Richard J. Sullivan, and Mr. Clifton W. Enfield of your committee staff. Each of them has submitted a statement for the record and, Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent at this time that those statements may be inserted in the record together with accompanying pictures or documents.

Thank you very much.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Without objection, the 11 statements from these citizens in the vicinity of Bismarck and Mandan, N. Dak., will be made a part of the record at this point.

(The statements follow:)