

Since the Federal cost of this project is less than \$10 million, the views set forth by the Secretary of the Army in his letter of January 6, 1967, submitting a draft bill to amend section 201 of the Flood Control Act of 1965, would apply.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. It is a small project, but obviously very important to this area with the channel depth of 6 feet running 2½ miles. There is no objection from any of the agencies and the corps recommends its adoption; is that correct?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. So we will proceed.

The next will be Revere and Nantasket Beaches, Mass.

#### REVERE AND NANTASKET BEACHES, MASS.

Colonel SEIDEL. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this report concerns improvement of Revere and Nantasket Beaches, near Boston, Mass., in the interest of beach erosion control. It is responsive to section 2 of the River and Harbor Act approved July 3, 1930, as amended.

Revere Beach has a Federal beach widening project. Nantasket and Revere Beaches have locally built seawalls and retaining walls. Erosion resulting in loss of beach and frequent serious storm damage necessitate additional protective measures.

The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends beach widening and periodic nourishment along 13,000 feet at Revere Beach and 6,800 feet at Nantasket Beach at an estimated cost of \$4,400,000 of which \$2,200,000 would be Federal. Benefit-cost ratios are 4.2 for Revere Beach and 3.2 for Nantasket Beach.

Local interests are willing to provide the necessary items of local cooperation. The report has been submitted to the State of Massachusetts and the interested Federal agencies. Upon receipt of the comments the report of the Chief of Engineers will be set to the Bureau of the Budget through the Secretary of the Army prior to the submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. The total estimated cost of the overall project costs are split 50 percent Federal and 50 percent State?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. This is usual for beach erosion and control projects. I notice you have no comments from the Bureau of the Budget. It means that it has not yet cleared the Bureau of the Budget or the State; is that correct?

Colonel SEIDEL. That is correct, sir. It is now out to the State and agencies for comment.

Mr. BLATNIK. I believe we will make note of that to be certain that the staff does have the reports.

Mr. Harsha.

Mr. HARSHA. How long will it be before that gets into the Bureau of the Budget; do you know?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, the States and agencies have 90 days to comment if they take it. They have been asked to expedite. Their com-