

nel and turning basin to 34 feet to meet present navigation needs. The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends Federal maintenance of the existing channel and basin dimensions. Total annual charges are estimated at \$9,200. The benefit-cost ratio is 4.5.

Local interests are willing to provide the necessary items of cooperation. The report has been submitted to the State of Florida and the interested Federal agencies. Comments have been received from the State and the Department of Transportation. Upon receipt of the other comments, the report of the Chief of Engineers will be sent to the Bureau of the Budget through the Secretary of the Army prior to the submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army. This concludes my statement, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. Is there any Federal cost involved?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir, maintenance cost only. The total annual charges are estimated at \$9,200.

Mr. BLATNIK. Making its cost—I meant no new construction.

Colonel SEIDEL. Nothing new.

Mr. BLATNIK. The benefit-cost ratio is 4.5. Are all the Department reports in on this?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, I have the Department of Transportation and State of Florida. I do not have the other one.

Mr. BLATNIK. Will the staff again make note here and double check this and be sure all the necessary reports from the Departments and Bureau of the Budget are in.

Colonel SEIDEL. The comments are due August 6, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. When?

Colonel SEIDEL. August 6.

Mr. BLATNIK. Sixth of August?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. If there are no further questions, we will proceed to Brevard County, Fla. I call on my colleague, Congressman Gurney.

STATEMENT OF HON. EDWARD J. GURNEY, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Mr. GURNEY. Mr. Chairman, I appreciate this opportunity to appear in support for a very important project for Florida's Fifth Congressional District. This project would provide beach erosion control along the ocean shore of Brevard County, Fla., South of Canaveral Harbor. This beach is an important recreational and public use area, essential to the economy of the region it serves.

This projects consist of the restoration of 2.8 miles of beachfront at the city of Cape Canaveral and 2 miles of oceanfront at Indialantic and Melbourne Beach by widening and repairing the level of the sand beach. These beaches have eroded severely and are in urgent need of restoration. This serious threat of beach erosion can be reduced significantly by providing a protective and recreational beach that consists of a berm 50 feet wide at elevation of 10 feet above mean-low-water level and a natural seaward slope as will be shaped by wave action along 14,600 feet of beach at the city of Cape Canaveral and 10,600 feet of beach at Indialantic and Melbourne Beach.

Local interest have agreed to pay more than half of the cost, leaving the cost to the Federal Government at \$680,000. The benefit-to-cost