

**OMNIBUS RIVERS AND HARBORS, FLOOD CONTROL,
AND RIVER BASIN MONETARY AUTHORIZATION
BILL—1968**

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
Washington, D.C.

The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors met at 10:07 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik, subcommittee chairman, presiding.

Mr. BLATNIK (presiding). The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors will please come to order. We continue the public hearings, our second day of hearings on navigation and beach erosion projects for possible inclusion in the rivers and harbors and flood control omnibus bill of 1968.

We are delighted and certainly pleased and always honored to have our dean and our very dear friend and colleague, the distinguished Congressman from New York, Mr. Celler.

Mr. Celler is usually way ahead of the staff and chairman and always prepared.

We will be delighted to hear from you, Mr. Chairman.

**STATEMENT OF HON. EMANUEL CELLER, A REPRESENTATIVE IN
CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

EAST RIVER AND HUDSON RIVER, N.Y.—PORTIONS NONNAVIGABLE

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Chairman, I very much appreciate the opportunity to appear before this committee which is now laboring so diligently on various ramifications of complex legislation.

With your indulgence I would like to direct your attention to a specific matter which is of profound significance to my own city of New York, as well as to the entire State of New York.

New York City is currently planning a comprehensive and extensive program for the development of lower Manhattan. Under the city's lower Manhattan plan certain areas of the city along the Hudson River below Canal Street and along the East River below the Brooklyn Bridge would be utilized to create new residential communities for some 100,000 people.

The plan would provide desperately needed housing with river orientation, and within walking distance of some 450,000 jobs.