

New York, of course, must build upward because of its restrictive area. But here is an opportunity whereby we expand the city horizontally and we can build horizontally. That is going to be a great boon to the city and I do hope that we will get your consent so we can go on with this good and beneficial plan.

May I leave these maps for the committee?

Mr. BLATNIK. Would you, please? Mr. Chairman, first of all as usual you make a very succinct and very persuasive case. You are correct that it does require congressional action, including certain areas not in use for navigation but technically navigable. It does require congressional action to remove the impediment for other development by declaring these areas nonnavigable.

There are, as you state, many, many precedents for doing this. We do, however, have the mechanics of working up the precise, specifics, directions, et cetera, the amount of fill, Mr. Chairman and as you indicated we will hear from General Noble and his staff.

May I state at this point the very preliminary basis that there are minor problems as one would be on the East River particularly as I recall from our preliminary briefing if the field extends too far out there is some question as to the effect of narrowing the channel, what effect it would have on the water loss and turbidity. These are minor problems. I am confident they can be worked out with minor adjustments. We will work with your staff and you will be thoroughly informed before any final decision is made.

Mr. CELLER. I agree with the distinguished chairman that there may have to be some minor adjustments made after the consent is given.

I want to make one correction. I said the extension would be about 500 feet on either side. It will be more than 500 feet. It will be on one side an extension of about 750 feet and on the other side, it will be about 1,000 feet. I would like to have that correction made.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. CELLER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. We have Mr. Patman and Mr. Rivers. Mr. Patman has a committee to go to over which he is presiding and with your permission we will hear him first.

Mr. RIVERS. I will yield to the gentleman from Texas.

RED RIVER (BELOW DENISON DAM) (NAVIGATION PROJECT), TEXAS, LOUISIANA, ARKANSAS, AND OKLAHOMA

STATEMENT OF HON. WRIGHT PATMAN, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Chairman, I would like to have permission to place into the record at this point my entire statement, although I shall not read the entire statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. The entire statement will be put into the record. (The full, prepared statement of Mr. Patman follows:)

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT PATMAN

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Chairman, it is a privilege to be able to appear before this distinguished Committee in support of a navigation project which would accomplish something I have been working to achieve since 1928 when the people of Texas' First Congressional District originally sent me to the House of Repre-