

waterway, the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce has consistently endorsed the proposal.

We now endorse the recommendation of the Board of Engineers for rivers and harbors, which includes improvements that will contribute substantially to the commercial and industrial development of the entire Corpus Christi area.

Your approval of the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi waterway project for inclusion in the current omnibus bill is urgently requested.

Sincerely,

JAMES T. DENTON, Jr., *President.*

EXHIBIT V

ARANSAS-CORPUS CHRISTI PILOTS,
Port Aransas, Tex., June 19, 1968.

TEXAS WATER RIGHTS COMMISSION,
Austin, Tex.

GENTLEMEN: The Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots give their full support to the proposed enlargement of Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway as prepared by the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

We feel that the project is justified, not only for the future needs, but for the present traffic, which, on several occasions, has departed with short loads due to limited draft. Two of the United States vessels involved were the S/T *Western Hunter* and S/T *Manhattan*.

The Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway has the following features which warrant the enlargement:

1. The channel entrance is closer to the deep water than any other port in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. It has pure salt water loading at all berths (thus making it possible to load more cargo due to extra buoyancy).
3. It is a bulk cargo port.
4. It is the most centrally located port on the Texas Coast, therefore, the entire State of Texas and its ports would benefit from the proposed enlargement of the waterway.

The East and West coast have their deep water ports but there is not a single port in the Gulf of Mexico to accommodate the present and future deep draft vessels. Therefore, we urge your support for the enlargement of the Port Aransas-Corpus Christi Waterway to keep our State competitive.

Yours truly,

Capt. FRED J. HERBERT,

President, Texas State Branch Pilots; Texas Trustee, American Pilots Association; President, Aransas-Corpus Christi Pilots.

COLORADO RIVER, TEX.

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Chairman, I want to say you mentioned my service on this committee. It was certainly a wonderful experience on my part, the years I served on this committee, until I was demoted. The reason I say "demoted" is, anytime anybody moves from this committee to any other committee, it is a demotion and I want you to know it is a pleasure to be back here with you.

H.R. 16872—COLORADO RIVER, TEXAS

Mr. Chairman, this project, H.R. 16872, the Colorado River channel and jetty project, Matagorda County, Tex., is one that involves hurdles and I am so pleased that this committee through its members, was present after the devastating Hurricane Carla and more recently the Hurricane Beulah, and still more recently, the Hurricane Candy that just in the last few days went in on this project.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I have submitted a brief written statement and I will confine myself to some very brief remarks.