

(3) That the project, Red River below Denison Dam, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, be modified to provide for bank stabilization according to the report of the Chief of Engineers.

(4) That the responsibility for maintenance and operation of Caddo Dam in Louisiana be made a Federal responsibility when Caddo Lake becomes a part of the Red River navigation project.

The Bureau of the Budget calls attention to the fact that the present plan of development contemplates use of the existing Caddo Dam in Louisiana as a part of the navigation project between Shreveport and Daingerfield. The Bureau further states that the responsibility for operating and maintaining Caddo Dam project, which is presently a local cost, has not been explicitly defined in the report. Since Caddo Lake pool will be an integral part of the navigation project when it is constructed, the State of Louisiana through the Caddo Levee Board gave assurances that it would operate and maintain the project with the understanding that, when it became a part of the navigation project, this responsibility would be transferred to the Federal Government.

As you gentlemen know, this project was originally authorized in 1945, utilizing a lateral canal. For a number of good and justifiable reasons this system was not carried through. Our need now is to amend the original authorization.

Again, gentlemen, I appreciate very much the opportunity to be here today and again would like to express my sincere appreciation for the courtesy you have shown me by your attention to what we in Louisiana consider to be one of the most important public works projects ever to be considered for the benefit of our State and the area.

And now I believe Mr. Speedy O. Long has a statement he wishes to submit.

STATEMENT OF HON. SPEEDY O. LONG, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. LONG. I will just submit my statement in full for the record at this time, Mr. Chairman, and ask if you would want the witnesses introduced now or do you plan to recess for the quorum call?

Mr. BLATNIK. We will run right through until we get to the quorum. We would like to go as far as we could, to about 12 o'clock. We will return at 2 if possible.

Mr. LONG. I would therefore present my statement for the record.

Mr. BLATNIK. Without objection your statement will appear in the record at this point.

(The full, prepared statement of Mr. Long follows:)

STATEMENT BY HON. SPEEDY O. LONG, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, it is a distinct privilege to be able to appear before the Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors to testify in behalf of the authorization for navigation and bank stabilization on Red River below Denison Dam, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, as recommended by the Chief of Engineers. I am especially pleased to be able to support the efforts of those citizens of the Red River Valley who for more than 40 years have worked to improve and stabilize this important stream.

If my information and recollection are correct, this project will be the first basic navigation works attempted on the Red River since Captain Henry Miller Shreve opened the river to navigation in the middle of the 19th century. The time has long since arisen when we should undertake the rejuvenation of this critical commercial water way.