

Mr. ATAWAY. My name is Douglas Ataway, I am the publisher of the Shreveport Journal.

My newspaper has been striving for navigation and bank stabilization on the Red River for about 50 years. I would like to personally urge now that your committee approve the entire project for the Mississippi River to Daingerfield, Tex.

This will provide a vast supply of fresh water for our cities, our farms, and our industry. The citizens of the four States, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas will all benefit from this project.

Thank you.

Mr. BLATNIK. You strongly urge we treat it as one unit and one comprehensive project?

Mr. MATTHIAS. Yes, sir.

Our next witness is Howard Brabham, executive director of the Texas Water Development Board, Austin, Tex.

Mr. BRABHAM. Mr. Chairman, gentlemen of the committee my name is Howard Brabham. I am the executive director of the Texas Water Development Board of Austin, Tex., and I am appearing on behalf of that board and also on behalf of the Texas Water Rights Commission which requests that their statement be entered into the record in support of this project of navigation on the Red River and bank stabilization.

The water development board is wholeheartedly in accord with the recommendations for authorization of this project and wishes to include its statement in the record; we support the project in its entirety in accordance with the statements that we have supplied to your committee.

Mr. WRIGHT (presiding). Without objection, that statement will appear in the record at this point.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT BY TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

SUMMARY

The State of Texas recommends to the Congress that it:

1. Modify the existing authorization for navigation to provide for a channel with a width of 200 feet and a depth of 9 feet from the mouth of Red River to the vicinity of Daingerfield as a single project, without the proviso for economic reanalysis to apply only to the Shreveport to Daingerfield section.

2. Include authorization language to direct that the project be considered a total project for all internal review studies made by the Corps of Engineers prior to construction, and that costs of proposed Lock and Dam No. 6 be considered to be assigned equally to the portion of the project from Shreveport to the mouth, and from Shreveport to Daingerfield.

3. Authorize the three bank stabilization projects with the proviso that no construction on the reach from Denison Dam, Texas, to Index, Arkansas, begin until the Congress considers and acts upon an analysis of the cost-sharing policy for such projects under flood control provisions.

4. Deauthorize the Mooringsport Dam and Reservoir, as authorized by the Flood Control Act of July 24, 1946.

5. Provide for future evaluations of navigation between Denison Dam and Shreveport as changes in conditions warrant such investigations.

STATEMENT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

INTRODUCTION

An interim report covering navigation and bank stabilization projects was prepared by the District Engineer, New Orleans District, Corps of Engineers,