

project. We feel that roughly this \$2 million that we anticipated at this point and did not anticipate the Federal Government outlaying before hand, we feel that without this money that our project will possibly come to a standstill. And we want to thank the committee very much for the many acts of kindness in the past.

Mr. DORN. Is this in your district?

Mr. PRYOR. This particular location is in our district. Various parts of the project are in other districts and go down into the Louisiana area. We do thank the committee very much.

Mr. DORN. We appreciate the Congressman for being with us and bringing your constituents before the committee.

Mr. Dulski, we are delighted to have you. Go ahead and proceed.

BUFFALO, N.Y., LAND CONVEYANCE (H.R. 510)

**STATEMENT OF HON. THADDEUS J. DULSKI, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Mr. DULSKI. Mr. Chairman, my esteemed colleagues of this Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors, I appreciate the prompt action you have taken on H.R. 510. I have a very brief statement. And then, of course, we have here with us Mr. Baker, who is from the Parks Department, City of Buffalo. I just want to tell Mr. Harsha that there is no cost involved in this.

Mr. HARSHA. Congratulations.

Mr. DULSKI. I appreciate very much your prompt consideration of my bill, H.R. 510, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property of the United States, underlying Lake Erie, to the city of Buffalo, N.Y.

What is involved in the legislation is the title to certain underwater lands along Lake Erie at a point known as Times Beach where the city of Buffalo proposes to develop a recreation area, including a large swimming pool.

Title to the land was believed to rest in the State, but a search raised doubt on ownership. The Army Corps of Engineers has determined that ownership now rests in the U.S. Government.

The city feels that it cannot proceed with its recreational development unless it has title to the property.

As you know, Mr. Chairman, both the Department of the Army and the Department of Interior have recommended approval of my bill with certain amendments.

The Army wants to retain the right to use the submerged lands for a spoil disposal area for materials dredged from the Buffalo Harbor project. The Department of Interior agrees, but feels a terminal date of 1971 should be placed on the Army rights.

Mr. Chairman, my home city of Buffalo is anxious to proceed with this project and has been frustrated by the delay and confusion over the ownership of the lands.

I hope that the subcommittee will recommend approval of my bill for conveyance to the real property to the city of Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. DULSKI. I will ask Mr. Baker to continue to give the expert testimony.