

And the Secretary of the Army, of course, after authorization, as you well know, the corps reviews the project; and although we did not like the remark about further studies, it is an ordinary course of events in any study before appropriations, so we are satisfied with the remark. And it would go through that process anyway.

Mr. HARSHA. You heard this morning the statement by the Congressman from that congressional district, that the project was controversial. What is the controversy and can you enlighten us a little?

Mr. CORRADO. My understanding of it is, the only people who opposed the project are the people of the village of Port Jefferson, which is a small village, I understand several thousand people. My understanding is that most of the other people of the area are in favor.

Now, this morning the Congressman indicated that the town of Brookhaven was opposed. Yet, we would like to submit letters to the record from the town of Brookhaven saying they favor the project.

Mr. HARSHA. What is that opposition of the one town you are familiar with?

Mr. CORRADO. It is my understanding that it has been a small village, and they really oppose larger business coming in, and they are afraid there will be a lot of heavy traffic generated by this, and traffic into the harbor being increased traffic.

As a matter of fact, when you have larger tankers coming in, you will have less traffic than you would with a lot of barges.

Mr. HARSHA. Do they anticipate industrial development in the area as a result of this?

Mr. CORRADO. I think they probably do. I would imagine this would result in industrial development. We have to remember, Mr. Harsha, that the area is gaining, growing, and expanding rapidly, industrially, and populationwise, and economically. And although there might be growth in this direction, the growth also requires business improvement. I mean it is a two-way street, I think. It cuts both ways.

Mr. WEINKAUFF. Mr. Harsha, also we think the village is protected in that they have zoning powers. They have already exercised these zoning powers to limit the expansion. And in addition, Consolidated Petroleum, their tank farm, is some 3 miles away from the harbor area. They receive at their harbor area, and they pipeline it into the tank farm. The following are in favor of it: Suffolk County, Mr. Dennison, who could not appear today, the town of Brookhaven, and with your permission which I will submit for the record the letter of Brookhaven was sent to Senator Young in the Senate. As a matter of fact, there is a letter in the report which the town of Brookhaven offers to supply the local cooperation. Also, New York State, the Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce, the Long Island Association of Commerce and Industry, and the Oil Heat Institute of Long Island, Inc.

So it has quite wide support. With your permission I would like to have Mr. Dennison's statement for the record.

Mr. HARSHA. Thank you. May that be incorporated in the record?

Mr. BLATNIK. Yes. Without objection, so ordered.

(The information referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF H. LEE DENNISON, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

This to emphatically emphasize my full support of the proposed dredging of Port Jefferson Harbor, Suffolk County, L.I., State of New York.