

and Indiana Harbor and Canal, Ind., and in support of my neighbors and very good friends from Indiana.

This bill would modify the Calumet-Sag navigation project authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 1946 in accordance with House Document 45, 85th Congress, insofar as it applies to existing highway bridges in part II of the project. This waterway is a major link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River.

Part II would provide a 9-foot-deep channel along the general route of the Grand Calumet River between the Little Calumet River and Clark Street, Gary, Ind., a turning basin at Clark Street, a lock and controlling links in the Grand Calumet River, and reconstruction or alteration of all obstructive railroad bridges to provide suitable clearances.

The River and Harbor Act of 1946 authorized Federal participation in the alteration of obstructive railroad bridges for part I of the Calumet Bay project in accordance with the provisions of the Truman-Hobbs Act. In 1952 the Truman-Hobbs Act was amended to include highway bridges as well as railroad bridges. Thereafter, the Congress in 1958 modified part I to authorize Federal participation in the relocation of highway bridges, so as to be consistent with the amended Truman-Hobbs Act.

This legislation would authorize Federal participation in the alteration of obstructive highway bridges in part II on the exact same basis as that authorized for part I by the 1958 River and Harbor Act.

In view of the economic need for the development of the navigation facilities of the Calumet River in this area, I urge favorable consideration of this bill. I understand that the State of Indiana and the local interests in the project area are willing to cooperate and to assume their share of the burden.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, Mr. Kluczynski.

MAINTAIN HARBORS AND WATERWAYS AT DEPTHS REQUIRED FOR DEFENSE PURPOSES

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Joseph Belle, Special Assistant, Facilities, Project Division, Naval Engineering Command, Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., on H.R. 801, H.R. 2780, and H.R. 2844, defense harbors.

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Mr. BELLE. Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, the Department of the Navy would like to testify in favor of H.R. 801 and the companion resolutions.

Mr. BLATNIK. Do they have the names who are sponsoring them?

Mr. BELLE. Mr. Leggett, Mr. Cramer, and Mr. Waldie.

The proposed bills would authorize the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, to expend certain appropriated funds to maintain harbors and waterways at depths required for defense purposes.

The Navy has been requested to express the views of the Department of Defense on the proposed legislation.