

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, Mr. Belle.

Mr. BELLE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BLATNIK. At this point there will be inserted in the record correspondence received by the Committee from Hon. Robert L. Leggett of California.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., June 25, 1968.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Public Works Committee,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: There is pending before your committee H.R. 801, H.R. 2844 and H.R. 2780 to authorize the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army to expend certain appropriated funds to maintain harbors and waterways at a depth required for defense purposes.

This legislation is simple and avoids duplication of management of harbor dredging depths between the Corps of Engineers, Civil Works Department and the Department of Defense.

There are three or four harbors in the country which qualify for consideration under this legislation which I would ask you to include as an amendment to the omnibus Public Works Bill.

As an example, at Mare Island Naval Shipyard in my Congressional District the Civil Public Works current authorization maintained by the Corps of Engineers provides for a relatively shallow, rather wide maintained depth. The Department of Defense for purposes of launching submarines requires, on the other hand, a deeper depth in excess of 30 feet. However, defense width of the channel is not nearly as extensive as the Civil Works width. The result is total confusion which will be obviated by this simple amendment to the pending bill. The amendment has the full support of the Department of Defense as is evidenced by the Department of the Navy report on file.

I attach hereto in support of the enactment of this amendment copy of letter dated October 4, 1965 from the Department of the Navy, analysis prepared by the Department of the Navy indicating the nine harbors in the United States which will be affected by this legislation and copy of analysis and rationale prepared by the Mare Island Naval Shipyard indicating special conditions applicable at that base.

Your many courtesies are appreciated.

Very sincerely,

ROBERT L. LEGGETT,
Member of Congress.

Enclosures.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY,

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C., October 4, 1965.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Your request for comment on H.R. 717, a bill "Authorizing the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, to expend certain appropriated funds to maintain harbors and waterways at depths required for defense purposes", has been assigned to this Department by the Secretary of Defense for the preparation of a report thereon expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

This bill would authorize the Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, to expend Civil Works funds to maintain harbors and waterways at depths required for defense purposes. The navigation depths of the various harbors and waterways are established by Congress in the various Acts which authorize the construction, repair and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors for navigation, such as the River and Harbor Act of 1960 (74 Stat. 480). The Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, traditionally has been assigned