

**OMNIBUS RIVERS AND HARBORS, FLOOD CONTROL,
AND RIVER BASIN MONETARY AUTHORIZATION
BILL—1968**

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1968

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON RIVERS AND HARBORS,
OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS,
*Washington, D.C.***

The subcommittee met at 11:05 a.m., in room 2167, Rayburn Building, Hon. John A. Blatnik (subcommittee chairman) presiding.

Mr. BLATNIK. The Subcommittee on Rivers and Harbors of the House Public Works Committee will please come to order, to resume public hearings on rivers and harbors, beach erosion projects, other legislation before the subcommittee.

Normally we hear the Corps of Engineers make their presentation, giving us the physical, technical, engineering aspects and details and specifics on these projects, and we usually follow up with those parties that are interested, certainly our congressional members, and any members we may have from back home.

Because of the conflict with the floor session having moved up to 11 o'clock yesterday morning, and to accommodate those many witnesses who had some distance to travel, so they could be released, we altered the procedure.

This morning we will hear the Corps of Engineers on most of the projects which we heard yesterday.

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

Mr. BLATNIK. We will have the corps testimony now in sequence.

We have, of course, General Noble, the Director of Civil Works, from the Corps of Engineers.

Do you have any opening statement, General, or would you proceed right with the first project?

HUDSON RIVER—DECLARE A PORTION NONNAVIGABLE

**STATEMENT OF BRIG. GEN. CHARLES C. NOBLE, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL
WORKS, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS, DEPARTMENT OF
THE ARMY**

General NOBLE. Mr. Chairman, this proposed legislation would declare a portion of the Hudson River along the westerly shore of Lower Manhattan south of the Hudson Tunnel to Battery Park and a portion of the East River along the easterly shore of Lower Manhattan south