

The Chief of Engineers in his proposed report recommends deepening the entrance channels to 38 feet, and the other channels and turning basins to 36 feet, and widening the entrance channel to 500 feet. This would permit use of the harbor by fully loaded deep-draft cargo vessels and by the larger cruise vessels. Total cost is estimated at \$7,265,000, of which \$6,476,000 would be Federal. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.5.

Local interests are willing to provide the necessary items of local cooperation. The State and Federal agencies favor the project. The report is with the Secretary of the Army for transmittal to the Bureau of the Budget for clearance as to its relationship to the program of the President prior to its submission to Congress by the Secretary of the Army.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.

Mr. BLATNIK. Yesterday we heard witnesses on this project. Do you recall their testimony, Colonel, about what the improvements—with the harbor or Dade County, I forget what governmental unit—what improvements are they prepared to make and will make if they get a deepening of this harbor? Was it primarily the fact that the commerce was growing so rapidly, the ships were getting larger, they needed this increase in depth from 38 feet—what is the channel foot depth now?

Colonel SEIDEL. Thirty feet.

Mr. BLATNIK. So 38 feet was on the approach and 36 feet would be the remaining. Do you recall the testimony they had about facilities they would be able to build?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir. What is happening there is at the head of the channel is the present terminal; and this is outdated, obsolete, and they are replacing this or transferring this to a new terminal on Dodge Island, as well as a new cargo facility on Fisher Island.

Mr. BLATNIK. New terminal on Dodge Island and Fisher Island?

Colonel SEIDEL. Yes, sir.

Mr. BLATNIK. What is the cost estimate?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, I do not recall.

Mr. ROBERTS. I believe they passed a \$25 million bond issue.

Mr. BLATNIK. They have passed a bond issue, had or were thinking of it. There are several agencies to hear from on this. No comments from the Bureau of the Budget.

Mr. Harsha?

Mr. HARSHA. Colonel, the non-Federal cost in this, of \$789,000, what does that consist of?

Colonel SEIDEL. I could not hear you.

Mr. HARSHA. The non-Federal cost of \$789,000, what does that consist of? Purchase of land and easements, rights-of-way; is that it?

Colonel SEIDEL. Sir, the non-Federal portion is made up of a cash contribution of \$579,000, for land enhancement from placement of dredging material and they will provide spoil areas, diking, and relocation at an estimated cost of \$210,000.

Mr. HARSHA. Do you have any objection, is there any objection to this, that you know of?

Colonel SEIDEL. No, sir. The only reason the report is not further along is that we have just received the comments from the agencies yesterday.