

**STATEMENT OF GEORGE FEIL, CHIEF, PLANNING DIVISION, CIVIL  
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Mr. FEIL. Mr. Roberts, sir, I think that we have the funds to finish the summary report. We will need no more funds for that, and I expect that when the coordinating committee completes their summarizing reports, which should be rather shortly, sometime this fall, several more months would be required for the corps to present its recommendations for construction of the projects in the Sabine. Additional funds may be required for the authorizing report.

Mr. ROBERTS. Thank you, sir.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to say again that we have had three major floods now in 2 years, in addition to the other work, 15 lives have been lost, more than \$50 million property damage.

Mr. Howard Boswell, from the Governor's office, is here and I will ask him to stand up. (Mr. Boswell stood up.)

This is a vital project to our country, both from a navigation standpoint and flood control.

Mr. BLATNIK. It is an urgent and important project.

Mr. Boswell, do you have any comments? You were here yesterday. You have heard the Corps of Engineers, and this will be moving in regular order.

Mr. BOSWELL. The Congressman is eminently correct in his statement of the need.

Mr. BLATNIK. Thank you, Mr. Boswell.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Roberts, is this similar to the type of problem that we had in and around the area represented by Congressman de la Garza, or is this strictly precipitation, and has nothing to do with hurricanes?

Mr. ROBERTS. Strictly precipitation and lack of control of tributaries of Sabine. It carries a tremendous amount of very excellent quality water, and I believe it is the largest river in the country now that has no control over it. It runs wild, and it eventually reaches the gulf.

We have three projects: project to save the water; another for navigation all the way to the gulf, to Longview; and then flood control from Longview up to the mouth of the river, which is at Greenville.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Is the type of terrain in that area very similar to that which we saw in the southwest Texas area?

What I am saying is, it was very difficult to acquire anything in the way of a rapid runoff.

Mr. ROBERTS. No, it is not as flat as that. It is gently rolling, and it is basically timberland, with an industrial city moved into—the picture here is near Longview, Tex., which is an industrial city of 55,000, and that big plant out there is Texas Eastman Corp., under water.

Mr. CLAUSEN. And you feel the article in the Longview Morning Journal, of May 24, 1968, along with the picture, pretty accurately describes the situation and might be well to at least place this in the file for future reference, if the gentleman thinks it might be appropriate.

Mr. ROBERTS. I would appreciate it. I might say that this is 8 hours after the major flood tide passed, by the way.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Chairman, I would then ask unanimous consent that the picture and the article in the Longview Morning Journal,