

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

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1968

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

The subcommittee met, pursuant to adjournment, at 3:05 p.m., the Honorable 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, continuing public hearings on rivers and harbors and beach erosion projects, hearing testimony from the Corps of Engineers.

Would you proceed with the Colorado River, Tex., project?

COLORADO RIVER, TEXAS

**STATEMENT OF COL. FERD E. ANDERSON, JR., ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
OF CIVIL WORKS FOR CENTRAL DIVISIONS, OFFICE, CHIEF OF
ENGINEERS, WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Colonel ANDERSON. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, this bill would authorize the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to construct the project for improvements at the mouth of the Colorado River in the interest of navigation, flood control, and related purposes, substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the division engineer, southwestern division, in his interim report dated February 2, 1968.

The division engineer recommends the construction of a shallow-draft navigation channel from the Gulf of Mexico through a jetty-protected entrance to a turning basin at Matagorda, a distance of about 7 miles, and a diversion dam and channel to convey Colorado River flows into Matagorda Bay.

The division engineer estimated the Federal cost to be \$11,554,000. The annual charges are estimated to be \$660,000 and the annual benefits to be \$837,000. The benefit-cost ratio is 1.3 to 1.

The division engineer's report has been reviewed by the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. The Board has requested the reporting officers to make certain revisions in formulation of the plan of improvement and in the report.

Mr. Chairman, this completes my statement.