

provision that the rate may be increased or decreased by not more than one-fourth percent per year to reflect the trend in the yield on long term Government securities, is defended by the Water Resources Council as being a more appropriate formula.¹⁸ The subcommittee, however, notes the position of the Bureau of the Budget and the prevailing judgment of economic experts that this rate is at the floor of the acceptable range.¹⁹ The subcommittee also notes the need for additional efforts to accurately measure and quantify the real benefits and costs of investment in this and other public investment areas.²⁰

¹⁸ "Economic Analysis of Public Investment Decision * * *", pp. 15-16.

¹⁹ Ibid., pp. 28-29, 51-56, 57-65, and 141-150.

²⁰ Ibid., pp. 6-7, 23, 40-41, and 165-168.