

Mr. RANKIN. General Reybold, the necessity for this transportation across Florida has been greatly increased on account of the submarine menace on the Atlantic, the Gulf, and the Caribbean, has it not?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir.

Mr. RANKIN. And it makes it almost imperative that we get some kind of transportation across Florida for this oil and gasoline, does it not?

General REYBOLD. For petroleum products. That is all that pipe line will do, naturally. There are other commodities moving north and south that would probably demand the connecting waterway.

Mr. RANKIN. You recommend both the pipe line and the canal?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir, I think both should be authorized.

Mr. CULKIN. General, where does that pipe line start from—at Carrabelle?

General REYBOLD. Carrabelle; yes, sir.

Mr. CULKIN. And taking the present Gulf and coast-line route from Corpus Christi to Carrabelle, what is the depth of it? Is that all completed now?

General REYBOLD. That is a continuous 9-foot project.

Mr. CULKIN. That is from Corpus Christi to Carrabelle?

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir.

Mr. CULKIN. There is no work to be done on that?

General REYBOLD. This bill contemplates deepening it to 12 feet.

The CHAIRMAN. And widening?

General REYBOLD. And widening.

Mr. CULKIN. What would be the probable tonnage on a 9-foot waterway? What would be the possible tonnage?

General REYBOLD. It can carry considerable tonnage in excess of that carried in 1941.

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman, I placed in the record the figures for the Intracoastal Waterway from Corpus Christi to New Orleans. It was over 25,000,000 tons last year.

General REYBOLD. He wants the maximum capacity.

Mr. MILLER. Oh, the maximum capacity? I did not get that.

Mr. CULKIN. So that by utilizing the present Intracoastal Waterway at 9 feet and the pipe line from Carrabelle to the vicinity of Jacksonville, that waterway would be ready, with the accompanying pipe line, in 6 months, General?

General REYBOLD. It would be ready for the movement of oil, we estimate, within 6 months or less.

Mr. CULKIN. And you would recommend that?

General REYBOLD. Recommend a pipe line?

Mr. CULKIN. Yes.

General REYBOLD. Yes, sir.

Mr. CULKIN. You think that would offer, within 6 months, a solution to the present difficulty?

General REYBOLD. Some solution. I do not know what the demand for oil is on the coast, and it depends upon the size of the pipe line we put in there. We figure on about a 24-inch line capacity, and we have estimated the capacity of that installation to be 250,000 barrels per day. Now, then, if you do not have the towboats and the barges to move that capacity, again you are blocked.