

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, they will be inserted in the record at this point.

(The documents referred to are as follows:)

SAN BENITO, TEX., May 17, 1942.

HON. JOS. J. MANSFIELD,

Chairman, Rivers and Harbors Committee, Washington, D. C.:

Heartily in accord Mansfield bill. Assure you solid cooperation. Mr. James C. Bowie there representing San Benito and other sections this valley. Deeply appreciate your efforts.

LOUIS S. WITTE,

Mayor, City of San Benito, Tex.

BEAUMONT, TEX., May 18, 1942.

HON. J. J. MANSFIELD,

Chairman, Rivers and Harbors Committee,

Care House of Representatives:

We would like very much to have it made a part of the record that the chamber of commerce and its waterways and intracoastal canal committees heartily endorse the immediate authorization for the enlargement of the Intracoastal Canal from the Rio Grande Valley to the west coast of Florida, the barge canal across Florida, and the provisions for the construction of a pipe line, which will be valuable to the movement of products from this area to the east coast. Regret our inability to be present.

B. A. STEINHAGEN,

President, Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

JOHN W. FULBRIGHT,

Chairman, Waterways Committee.

W. M. McMASTER,

Chairman, Intracoastal Canal Committee.

WESLACO, TEX., May 16, 1942.

HON. JOS. J. MANSFIELD AND MEMBERS OF RIVERS AND HARBORS COMMITTEE,
Washington, D. C.:

This organization, consisting of over 1,500 citrus farmers, endorses passage of Mansfield bill calling for completion of intracoastal canal from Corpus Christi to Rio Grande Valley, and urge the immediate passage both as economic and defense measure. Many food items, ores, and oil can be transported this inland waterway avoiding dangers of open water. Completion of this work should relieve other transportation facilities and other work.

R. B. McLEASH,

General Manager, Rio Grande Valley Citrus Exchange.

CAMERON COUNTY,

Brownsville, Tex., May 14, 1942.

HON. JOSEPH J. MANSFIELD,

Chairman, Rivers and Harbors Committee, Washington, D. C.

DEAR JUDGE MANSFIELD: I regret exceedingly that I will be unable to attend the hearing before your honorable body Monday the 18th. I am therefore asking Mr. F. W. Hofmokol, manager of the Brownsville port; Mr. James C. Bowie, manager of the Port Isabel port; and Mr. Dan Murphy, chairman of the board of directors of the Harlingen navigation district; to represent me at said hearing. They are also authorized to represent the commissioners' court of this county and the citizenship in general of this county. I know of no one in the county but who sees the extreme importance of constructing this improvement at the earliest possible moment as an essential link in the chain of national defense.

You are well aware of my position. For years and years I have had and have expressed the view that this improvement was almost, if not fully, as important to this section of the State as our deep-water harbors. Now with Axis submarines skulking in the Gulf ready to pounce upon and destroy our shipping, its importance should be obvious to everyone connected with and promoting the national defense.