

**STATEMENT OF HON. LINDLEY BECKWORTH, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Mr. BECKWORTH. Mr. Chairman and members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee; doubtless the technical details of this legislation have been very adequately discussed. As one who has the honor to represent the Third Congressional District of Texas, the district in which the great east Texas oil field is located, I am very interested in any legislation having for its purpose the making available of means through and by which oil and its related products may move from its source of production to the areas of our nation and other places where the oil and its related products can be utilized.

The war which we are now fighting is a mechanized war. Oil and its products to a mechanized war are what food is to the body of a human being. Consequently it is incumbent on the membership of this committee and the membership of Congress to give the most thoughtful and careful consideration to any legislation which will facilitate the movement of oil and its products as well as all other products so vital to the winning of the war and to the people and economy of our nation. It is for this reason that I urge the membership of this committee to most carefully consider the legislation which has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Judge Mansfield, my most able and honored Texas colleague.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to express my interest in this legislation.

Mr. PITTINGER. I think you might tell some of your colleagues they had better be giving some study to this transportation problem, and especially to the provisions of the rivers and harbors bill.

Mr. BECKWORTH. Thank you very much, Mr. Pittenger.

**STATEMENT OF LACHLAN MACLEAY, PRESIDENT, MISSISSIPPI
VALLEY ASSOCIATION, ST. LOUIS, MO.**

Mr. MILLER. Mr. Chairman, I would like to present for a brief statement Mr. Lachlan Macleay, president of the Mississippi Valley Association.

The CHAIRMAN. We will be glad to hear you.

Mr. MACLEAY. Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the committee, the Mississippi Valley Association strongly favors the projects included in this bill, H. R. 6999. For a long time we have realized that it was very necessary that the Intracoastal Canal from Corpus Christi to New Orleans be developed to take care of the ever-increasing commerce on that waterway and the increasing commerce that has developed after it has been finished.

There is great need for the deepening and the widening of the waterway east of New Orleans through the Mississippi Sound.

There is great need for getting barges through Florida and getting oil up to the Atlantic coast.

The Valley Association has always supported the development of a continuous waterway system from the Gulf up the Atlantic coast, and we have even gone so far, although it is outside our territory, to support the canal across New Jersey, in recent years. We believe that the development of this waterway system is a war-emergency