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Mr. RANDOLPH. Mr. President, this is the omnibus rivers and harbors flood control measure. The House has considered this matter, and the Senate at a prior date. We have a difference, of course, in the Senate and House bills insofar as the total amount of authorization is concerned. The Senate passed bill authorized $820 million for 43 projects. The House has acted on its version. It has passed, in effect, a measure, which, in agreement in conference, provides for $670 million.

We are dropping the so-called Devil's Jump project in Kentucky, so we are thinking in terms, now, of 42 projects rather than 43.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. RANDOLPH. I yield.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Is this an unanimous consent?

Mr. RANDOLPH. Yes.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Good.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

Mr. RANDOLPH. I yield.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I had the privilege last week of making an extended remarks about the magnificent work done by the Committee on Public Works, the Subcommittee on Public Works Appropriations, the Subcommittee on Supplemental Appropriations, and the full Appropriations Committee concerning their determined and strong support of the school districts in the area of Libby and Lincoln County, which lies in northwest Montana. Coupled with the cooperation of the Corps of Engineers, their efforts will be highly effective in producing vitally needed facilities on a priority basis. It will provide the vast influx of workers and their families.

With work proceeding on the huge Libby Dam in northwestern Montana, the school districts of Libby and the surrounding area are faced with a serious problem of overcrowding. Senator from Montana [Mr. METCALF] and I have been most concerned with this crisis, and have made strong representations to the Federal agencies involved.

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Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I also ask unanimous consent that there be printed in the Record at this point an excerpt from the Congressional Record of October 14, 1966, showing the debate between the chairman of the committee, the Senator from West Virginia [Mr. RANDOLPH], and myself.

There being no objection, the excerpt from the Record was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I am delighted with the remarks made by the distinguished Senator from Louisiana, which fit in with this number of Montanans and the full congressional delegation from that State.

Mr. ELLENBERG. I am pleased to have this statement in the Record. I express my deep appreciation to the chairman not only for his statement but also for the fine work he has done on the committee through the years, not only on this bill but on other bills, and it has been no easy job, I assure the Senate.

Mr. ELLENBERG. I thank the Senator.

Mr. RANDOLPH. I yield to the distinguished majority leader.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I have discussed with the distinguished chairman of this committee an amendment which I had intended to offer before his committee, but when I approached him he told me he had just that day reported out the bill. With his usual graciousness, he suggested it be offered on the Senate floor.

Mr. President, I call upon my amendment. The Acting President pro tempore.

The amendment of the Senator from Montana will be stricken from the Record.

The assistant legislative clerk read the amendment, as follows:

"And provided further, That appropriations authorized thereunder shall be available to the Chief of Engineers for the purposes authorized by section 6 of the Flood Control Act of 1946 (Public Law 826, 79th Cong.) and provided further, That the authority contained therein is authorized to initiate a Libby Dam and Reservoir project, Montana."

Mr. President, the Libby Dam project is faced with a most difficult school problem because of its construction on the Kootenai River, which may be affected by the terms of the Columbia Basin treaty. With the influx of construction workers, school facilities are already overtaxed. Some of the children cannot even go to school. This amendment provides for no additional funds, but relates to funds which have already been approved and enables their transfer for this purpose. This is no precedent. It has been done for the Oahe Dam project in South Dakota, and for other projects along the Missouri River and also in the Columbia River Basin.

Mr. RANDOLPH. Mr. President, I have discussed this matter with the distinguished majority leader and also the distinguished minority member of the committee, the Senator from Hawaii [Mr. FONG].

The Acting President pro tempore.

The question is on agreeing to the amendment of the Senator from Montana.

The amendment was agreed to.

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There being no objection, the section was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

Sec. 206. The Secretary of the Army acting through the Chief of Engineers is authorized to provide such school facilities as he may deem necessary for the education of dependents of persons engaged on the construction of the Libby Dam and Reservoir project, Montana, and to pay for the same from any funds available for such purpose when it is determined to be in the public interest, the Secretary, acting through the Chief of Engineers, may enter into cooperative arrangements with local agencies for the operation of such Government facilities, for the expansion of local facilities at Federal expense, and for contributions by the Federal Government to cover the increased cost to local agencies of providing the educational services required by the Government.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I should like to ask, as to section 205, which has to do with the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to authorize to provide such school facilities as he may deem necessary for the education of dependents of persons engaged on the construction of the Libby Dam and Reservoir project, Montana.
Dam and Reservoir project in northwestern Montana, is my understanding correct, on the basis of assurances already received by the distinguished Senator from Louisiana (Mr. Ellender), the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Works, that as to section 205 in the bill now under consideration, the authority now granted the Corps of Engineers will guarantee not only the construction of the necessary school facilities, but will also provide operating expenses as well?

Mr. RANDOLPH. The distinguished majority leader is correct in his statement of what has been agreed to between the Senate and the House conferrees.

We have slightly changed the language of the distinguished Senator from Montana, but the substance of his amendment has been retained. What he has stated is a correct interpretation of the contemplated final action.

Mr. MANSFIELD. I appreciate the statement of the distinguished chairman of the Committee on Public Works, which I am sure is in accord with the understanding of the distinguished ranking minority member of the committee, the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. Fong), because it coincides with the intent of Congress and the statements made by the distinguished Senator from Louisiana, the chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee on Appropriations.

Mr. RANDOLPH. That is correct.

Mr. MANSFIELD. And the Senator from Hawaii agrees?

Mr. FONG. Yes.