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## PRODUCTIVE, BUT NO PROMISES, SAYS GROUP

The problems of the Siuslaw River and harbor were presented to both Senate and House Committees, but the four members of the Siuslaw Port Commission who attended the hearings in Washington, D. C., returned with the feeling of a good reception but without any allusions as to the possibility of Congress appropriating funds this year for our Siuslaw River and harbor improvements.

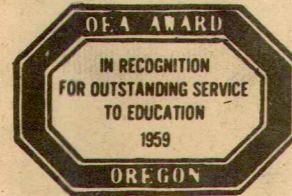
Siuslaw Port Commission sent three of their Commissioners and the Port Manager back to the committee hearings in Washington, D. C. which were held May 4 and 5. Those making the trip were Port President Jake Mann, Commissioners Wilbur Ternyik and Gordon Kohler, and Port Manager Paul Coyne.

It was the concensus of opinion of the group making the trip that the fact that they were there and were able to present their case made a tremendous difference. They felt that at least now the Committees would know of the problems of the Siuslaw River.

The Siuslaw delegation left Sunday, April 30, arriving in Washington, D. C., that evening. Monday morning the group met with Port Consultant Tom Murray who had arranged for the Port's testimony at the hearings. During Monday the group also met with 4th District Congressman John Dellenback and were briefed on what to expect, and the type of testimony to present during the very limited time Siuslaw had at the House Committee hearing the following Wednesday. Dellenback also arranged for the group to meet with Congressman John Rhodes, (R), Arizona, who is ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee. Congressman Rhodes, who, like most everyone else the group met with, listened to them, asked questions and became acquainted with the problems, but admonished the group not to expect anything because of the war in Vietnam. This last comment was the comment the group was faced with throughout their stay in the Nation's Capital.

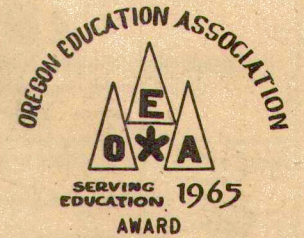
Tuesday the Siuslaw Port group met both individually and collectively with Senator Wayne Morse, Senator Mark Hatfield, Congressman John Dellenback and Congressman Wendall Wyatt, to map strategy and be briefed on procedures to follow for both the House and Senate hearings. The Port delegation had the privilege of having lunch with the four Oregon lawmakers and their administrative assistants.

Wednesday morning the group had an early morning meeting with Congressman Dellenback to go through their protocol procedure and put finishing touches on their testimony. The 4th District Congressman then walked the Siuslaw Port delegation over to the House hearing room where the hearings started at 10 a.m. Port Manager Paul Coyne testified for the Siuslaw Port District before the sub-committee on Appropriations, House Public Works Committee. Congressman Mike Kerwin was chairman of the sub-committee. Congressman Dellenback testified prior to Coyne's appearance on the stand. Dellenback testified in favor of the Siuslaw project, saying "In the case of the Siuslaw, the economic development of an entire area, giving an opportunity to reach out to Hawaii and beyond with our forest products, is intimately related to implementation at the earliest opportunity



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OREGON CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATES meeting with representatives of Siuslaw Port Commission (on May 2, 1967) to discuss addition of \$755,000 to Federal budget to complete dredging of Siuslaw bar and river channels. Left to Right: Jake Mann,

Pres. Siuslaw Port Commission, Senator Wayne Morse, Congressman John Dellenback, Port Manager Paul Coyne, Senator Mark Hatfield, Gordon Kohler and Wilbur Ternyik, Siuslaw Port Commissioners.