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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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FROM: Kika de la Garza

DATE: 23 October 1967

Washington, D C -- Rep de la Garza today introduced legislation which utilizes a new procedure to handle claims of Valley residents suffering losses caused by floods following Hurricane Beulah a month ago.

Under this new procedure, the proposal would be referred to the Chief Commissioner of the Court of Claims as a Congressional reference case. Rep de la Garza said this procedure, provided in a law enacted in the last Congress, has not yet been used extensively. The South Texan said he feels this is the most practical way, at this time, to help the Congress secure precise information for handling the claims.

Under the provision of federal law, the Chief Commissioner of the Court of Claims would make findings and recommendations to the Congress concerning the claims of Valley residents against the United States.

The new legislation will be referred to the Claims Subcommittee of the Committee on the Judiciary. de la Garza said he had asked the Committee to secure reports from interested agencies and to schedule hearings on the proposal as soon as such reports are received.

After the House has approved the reference to the Chief Commissioner, Rep de la Garza said he will urge the Chief Commissioner of the Court of Claims to send representatives into the Valley to hear from those who suffered losses in the floods that followed the hurricane.

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