

COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROJECT

Part II

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1968

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION AND RECLAMATION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:50 a.m., in room 1324, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Harold T. Johnson (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Mr. JOHNSON. The Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation will come to order.

The purpose of our hearing this morning is to hold further hearings on H.R. 3300, by Mr. Aspinall and others, to authorize construction, operation, and maintenance of the Colorado River Basin project, and for other purposes. S. 1004 passed the Senate on August 7, 1967.

Hearings were held in the subcommittee both morning and afternoon, March 13, 14, 16, and 17, 1967. Printed hearings are before each member of the committee.

The hearing today has been scheduled to hear the Secretary of the Interior in response to the committee's request by letter of December 29 for specific information. The hearing will be confined to that and to matters that are of interest to members of the committee and to the Secretary and his staff.

Since that time, I do want to mention that California has introduced a new bill, H.R. 14834 and H.R. 14835, which was coauthored by most all of our delegation. The matter has not been assigned to a committee.

Our first witness this morning will be the Secretary of the Interior, who will give us the necessary information that was requested in the letter of December 29, by the chairman of the full committee.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Chairman, before we proceed any further—

Mr. ASPINALL. Mr. Chairman?

Mr. JOHNSON. The Chair recognizes Mr. Aspinall, the chairman of the full committee.

Mr. ASPINALL. I think it very appropriate that the letter to the Secretary of the Interior be made a part of the record at this point so that it will appear in the record preceding the Secretary's testimony. I ask unanimous consent that it be done.

Mr. JOHNSON. Any objection?

Mr. SAYLOR. Reserving the right to object, Mr. Chairman, all I wanted was to get the letter of the Secretary into the record. The Secretary has been called up here to testify, and I want to be sure the