

Mr. SAYLOR. Well, if your statement, then, Mr. Weinberg, is that each basin is required to make up half of the shortage, what is unresolved?

Mr. WEINBERG. I didn't quite say that, Mr. Saylor. I said the compact provides that the Mexican treaty burden shall first be made up out of water that is surplus in each basin. Now, the unresolved issue is whether or not there is surplus in the lower basin that would be available before the upper basin is called upon to meet a deficiency in the Mexican water treaty deliveries.

Mr. SAYLOR. All right.

Now, I would like to turn, Mr. Secretary, to your proposition with regard to the power which you intend to use. I would like to say for the record, Mr. Secretary, you must be contemplating leaving your office, because never before has a Secretary of the Interior been so open and frank and forthrightly honest as you have been in the second paragraph of your statement on page 7 with regard to power. If this does not cause the REA to tear their hair out and wonder what has happened to their great friends in the Department of the Interior, I do not know what it will take. Because for the first time, we have a Secretary of the Interior who admits that the yardstick method has two measurements, that they are not the same. And you have come forward and stated the reasons for the higher cost for utilities to furnish power in the commercial market.

This, Mr. Secretary, if you will be remembered for nothing else, will be a landmark day in American history. And I will quote it for the next thousand years.

Now, Mr. Secretary, you state that you estimate that it will be necessary to have power costing 6.5 mills at the Page site. Is this correct?

Secretary UDALL. If we had to buy it commercially, it would be 6½ mills.

Mr. SAYLOR. If you had to buy it commercially, it would be 6½ mills?

Secretary UDALL. That is right.

Mr. SAYLOR. Now, Mr. Secretary, when you came before this committee, or when your predecessors came before this committee and suggested that we authorize the Upper Colorado River storage project, they said that they were going to produce power at Glen Canyon and they were going to sell power up there and it was going to be available at 6 mills? Now, why do you not use some of this power up there? You have enough powerlines up there to run it down. Why should you get in the business of underwriting a steam generating plant?

Mr. DOMINY. The Upper Basin States, for which the Upper Basin Colorado River storage project is being built, want that power to be marketed in their area and the project criteria so provides. It is to be marketed in the lower basin until the upper basin has the need for it. We could not rely on upper basin power for the central Arizona project because it would soon be withdrawn for upper basin uses.

Mr. SAYLOR. Well, how soon? You have been producing power up there and it is cheaper than you say you can buy it from other companies on a commercial basis.