

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Secretary, you may talk about the mean and competent lawyers that the Navajo Indians have. The Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior lawyers have never been known for their mealy-mouthed attitude in any manner. And when they get mean, they can be meaner than anybody else I know and they can have more standards to justify more things than any other group of lawyers I have ever known in my life, including the seven that sit on the Supreme Court.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. I yield to my colleague.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I would like to say, Mr. Secretary, that your own lawyers are not surpassed by anyone I know in terms of being men, rough, and tough, vis-a-vis Great Salt Lake.

Mr. SAYLOR. Somebody up here asked did I not know that there are nine members on the Supreme Court, and I said sure I do, but there are only seven on it that I know are lawyers.

Mr. HOSMER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. The chairman of the subcommittee has asked me to yield to him.

Mr. ASPINALL. Thank you.

I just wanted to ask one question at this point in regard to the coal. I presume that the large coal companies are dealing with the Indians on the coal matter and they in turn will offer the coal to the group that would build and construct the powerplant?

Secretary UDALL. Precisely. We have already put one WEST plant together using the same coal by the Peabody Coal Co. They will have a coal slurry pipeline 300 miles to Nevada. The coal companies must get together with the WEST power group. We are sort of looking over their shoulder, but there is a lot of negotiating that goes on to which we are not direct parties.

Mr. JOHNSON. That is the way I understand it. The coal companies have moved in there and have now under lease working arrangements for the coal that will fire this plant. Am I right?

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Mr. STEIGER. Will the gentleman yield at that point?

Mr. JOHNSON. Wait just a minute.

They have already secured their leases from the Navajo Indians, so the coal matter has been settled as far as this plant is concerned and can move forward.

Secretary UDALL. That is correct, as far as the coal leasing arrangement is concerned, this has already been consummated.

Mr. SAYLOR. Now, second to that, have they been given, the group that is going to build, the insurance that they will have the water that is supposedly Arizona water?

Secretary UDALL. We have openly indicated that if the Page plant goes forward, we see no obstacle to granting a water contract.

This has several advantages.

Mr. SAYLOR. I realize that.

Secretary UDALL. You should realize, too, that they have to pay a price for the water. The revenues go into the Upper Basin fund in this instance and it helps all the way along the line.

Mr. HOSMER. I would like to pay tribute to the Interior Department's lawyers, too, and give credit where credit is due. If it had not