

spect—you have recommended the creation of a lower basin account which would include Arizona, which would include the Dixie project in Utah, and which would include the projects in California. I think that you have not directly answered the question, Is it not possible that these revenues, after the payout period, can be used to produce a power windfall for the people in southern California that the people—that the other States in the basin contributing their water and contributing their interest would not benefit by?

Secretary UDALL. One can give it that interpretation. I know the problem with the Dixie project, which is a project that needs an irrigation subsidy. This is an argument for some kind of lower basin development fund. But I have tried to layout the question for the committee as I see it. If it is the committee's desire to create a fund both for Dixie and for augmentation purposes in the future to help with the Mexican treaty, or for whatever purposes, the entire subject is before the committee.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. I realize this is a matter of conjecture, but it is something that I think legitimately ought to be raised on the record.

I thank the gentleman for his indulgence.

Mr. SAYLOR. Now, Mr. Secretary, on page 10 of your statement you have the figures for the virgin runoff at Lee Ferry. The first set of figures you have which you call the critical period from 1931 to 1967. That is 12,990,000 acre-feet average annual flow. If this figure is correct, that is 1,970,000 acre-feet below the figure which you state is the longest reliable period of record on the Colorado River. Is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Mr. SAYLOR. And if we take the figures from 1922 to 1967, which you say are the actual records at Lee Ferry, of 13,750,000 acre-feet, you are still 1,210,000 acre-feet below the average of 14,960,000. Is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. That is correct.

Mr. SAYLOR. Now, Mr. Secretary, when this project was before the other body, those Congressmen who serve on the north side of the Capitol, your organization, the Bureau of Reclamation, gave to them certain figures which appear on page 35 of the Senate report to accompany S. 1004, first session of the 90th Congress.

I find on that page that you have the following: Net gain Lee Ferry to Hoover, you estimate in the year 1975, 772,000 acre-feet; in the year 1990, 753,000 acre-feet; in the year 2000, 732,000 acre-feet; and in the year 2030, 704,000 acre-feet; is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. As I read the figures on that line, yes.

Mr. SAYLOR. I have not had a chance, Mr. Secretary, to look at a map of that area, but relying upon my memory and the visits I have made to that area, I believe that at least the main streams which make that contribution are Kanab Creek, the Virgin River, the Little Colorado, Havasu Creek, and Johnson Creek. Is that correct? Are there any others that—

Secretary UDALL. That sounds like the main ones from my knowledge of it.

Mr. DOMINY. Paria comes in right at Lee Ferry, and the gauging measurement is taken above Lee Ferry.