

98,000 that was originally contemplated. That is estimated on a reconnaissance basis. We have not had the time nor the funds to make the full study that would be necessary before we can say how large a storage cachement would have to be in order to comply with the requirements.

Mr. SAYLOR. In other words, Mr. Secretary, you are telling me that you have to have a reservoir large enough to have 15 years' storage? That is basically what you said. Even if that is true, then your own figures on what you anticipate this river will do are completely invalid, because you say you expect a return to a wet cycle and there will not be a reservoir big enough to take care of 18 years' supply.

Mr. DOMINY. We cannot overlook the fact that Hooker Dam is to supply flood control, and we cannot supply the 18,000 acre-feet of water to New Mexico to the disadvantage of the downstream users. This is why we cannot give you the figure until we have analyzed the complete effect of supplying 18,000 acre-feet upstream.

Mr. SAYLOR. Since you cannot give us that kind of a figure, do you think it should be authorized? This is a situation where you are just asking this committee to have blind faith in the Bureau of Reclamation.

I might say to you, Mr. Commissioner, in view of some of the changes you have made in the Frying Pan-Arkansas project without coming up and asking this committee, I for one am not going to give you the authorization to go ahead and build anything you want without coming before this committee. Especially when you come out now and say you have to change the plans for the Frying Pan-Arkansas project to make it feasible. That is what our releases from your Department downtown said. I assume your public relations man must have put those out with your blessing. The Secretary must have approved it.

The only conclusion is that the project as originally authorized was not feasible.

Mr. DOMINY. There has been a considerable change in the way power is produced and marketed between the time the original studies on the Frying Pan-Arkansas project were made and now. We found that a number of small powerplants did not fit the current needs and we combined them into two larger ones. This is the major change on the Frying Pan-Arkansas project.

Mr. SAYLOR. Of course you never came up to this committee and asked to do this and that is one of the reasons this committee has questioned the Bureau. Maybe the conclusions you have come to now are not correct. But if they were good, you should have come up and asked this committee. Heaven knows, as loaded as it is in your favor, if the project was any good, you should not have had any trouble getting it out of here.

Mr. Secretary, I thank you for coming forward with the answers that you have. As I say, I think this is, if for nothing else—your statement on the differences in the yardstick make this a day long to be remembered. I will be reminding you and your successors of this statement because of your wisdom in at least recognizing why your predecessors have refused.

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, just be sure to spell my name right.

Mr. UDALL. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. SAYLOR. Yes.