

portant program to make sure that long before the 1990s we have the additional water our states need for their growing populations.

I'm sure you know which of these philosophies I believe is in the best interests of your state as well as mine.

Your state's position today seems to be based on the notion that, unless iron-clad arrangements are made now, the United States is going to let California and Arizona dry up and blow away. I have too much faith in the country, in the Congress, and in Arizona's and California's leaders to take this defeatist view.

The world was not built in a day; your Central Valley Project and your magnificent Imperial and Coachella Valley projects didn't spring full blown from the drawing boards to be rushed through in one gigantic omnibus bill. The fantastic Columbia River system wasn't authorized in one bill. All these successful efforts were authorized and built one sound step at a time.

This is the proven, progressive path by which all the Western states have been built. Today, Arizona is asking you to get back on that path with us. For your sake and for ours there is no time to lose.

Mr. JOHNSON. In response to the quorum call on the floor, the committee will adjourn for the day. Since the Secretary cannot be here tomorrow, we will resume with him on Thursday for questions by the members. The gentleman from Arizona will be recognized at that time.

(Whereupon, at 3:40 p.m., the committee recessed, to reconvene at 10 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 1968.)