

Mr. SAYLOR. This concerns only the Hooker Dam which, believe it or not, does not affect any water in California.

Mr. HOSMER. Does it have a Sierra Club twist to it?

Mr. SAYLOR. No, but I am going to ask that the report of the Sierra Club be placed in the file.

Mr. HOSMER. Does it discuss the water supply situation?

Mr. SAYLOR. It discusses only a proposed dam site.

Mr. HOSMER. No fallout that will move westward?

Mr. SAYLOR. There might be some if it finally got to the Gulf of Mexico, somewhere around where the Gila River runs into the main-stream of Colorado.

Mr. HOSMER. I withdraw my reservation.

Mr. ASPINALL. Is there any objection?

There being no objection, it is so ordered.

You have heard the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania: that the correspondence on the Hooker Dam be made a part of the record and that the report of the Sierra Club be made a part of the file. Is there any objection?

(No response.)

Mr. ASPINALL. Hearing none, it is so ordered.

(The material deferred to follows:)

(The report referred to will be found in the committee files.)

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., October 18, 1967.

Mr. FLOYD E. DOMINY,
*Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation,
Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. DOMINY: As you know, the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee intends to take up in Executive Session early next year the Central Arizona Project. So that I may be properly informed before the bill is acted upon in Committee, I will from time to time submit questions concerning this project as it is considered.

I am listing below a series of questions in regard to the Hooker Dam and Reservoir, and wish you would provide answers at your earliest convenience. This project is one in which I have not arrived at any definite conclusion, therefore, my questions are quite detailed, and I sincerely hope that your answers are equally informative.

1. Present legislation expresses the size of the proposed Hooker Dam and Reservoir in indefinite terms. HR 3300 does prescribe an initial capacity for the Reservoir of 98,000 acre feet, but then, like S 1004 just passed by the Senate, sets the final size only in terms of the additional consumptive use to be provided for New Mexico, this being 18,000 acre feet per annum under both bills. What are the plans for the specifications of this project in the following terms:

- (a) The height of the dam? The maximum water surface elevation?
- (b) The capacity of the reservoir?
- (c) The area of the water surface of the reservoir at full capacity?
- (d) The length in river mileage of the reservoir at full capacity, together with the length of the encroachment on the Gila Wilderness and Primitive Areas?
- (e) The water for additional consumptive use to be provided New Mexico, excluding evaporative losses; and
- (f) The yearly evaporative losses?

Each of these characteristics of the project should receive multiple answers if the dam is to be built in stages.

2. (a) How extensive a study has been made of the project in order to establish its characteristics?

(b) Assuming that only a reconnaissance study has been made, as I understand to be the case, what degree of change can be expected in the characteristics as plans are made definitive upon authorization of the project?