

"2. Recognizing that under existing circumstances the authorization and construction of Hualapai Dam as a part of the pending Colorado River legislation is improbable and unlikely in this 2nd session of the 90th Congress, this Association endorses and approves the removal of Hualapai dams site from the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission as provided in S. 1004 and other similar current proposed legislation, and approves deferral of authorization of Hualapai Dam and related hydroelectric generating facilities for future consideration by the Congress.

"3. Recognizing the need for large amounts of electric power for pumping in connection with the Central Arizona Project, this Association endorses and approves the participation of the United States in a large thermal generating station pursuant to the general concept and plan provided in S. 1004, H.R. 14834 and other similar proposals now under consideration by the Congress.

Sincerely,

MORRIS K. UDALL.

Mr. UDALL. I yield to the Great White Father of all the Indians, the gentleman from Florida.

Mr. HALEY. That is just what the Great White Father wants to do, protect the Indian people up there. You people in the upper and lower basin are well able to take care of yourselves. As long as we have the assistance of the Secretary, and as I suggest, the junior Senator from New York, I think we may get help for the Indians.

Mr. Secretary, on page 10 of your statement, something disturbs me a little bit. As I understand the history of this compact, what you propose actually in order to take care of all the entitlement of the upper and the lower basin and the Mexican treaty will require approximately 16.5 million acre-feet of water. Is that correct?

Secretary UDALL. Over the long haul, that is roughly correct.

Mr. HALEY. Mr. Secretary, none of your figures, and you go back to 1906—and frankly, I think the only reliable figures that you have here are the figures from 1931 to 1967—but in no place do you or anybody claim that there is even 15 million acre-feet in this river. Is not that what your figures say?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes; we are willing to take that as a factual situation based on the hydrology as we know the river today. We think that the reasonable assumption is 14,960,000 acre-feet average over the next 62-year period. That is why we recognize that unless nature changes and we get better than that on an average in the future, we do need an augmentation program to keep the States that use the Colorado from losing their economic base.

Mr. UDALL. The difference, Mr. Dominy, between the 14.9, which is almost 15, and the 16.5 figure that my friend used, is almost precisely the amount of water that the 48 States gave to Mexico during World War II as part of the Mexican treaty, is it not?

Mr. DOMINY. This is correct. It actually takes about 1,890,000 acre-feet a year to supply the million and a half to Mexico, considering the losses associated with delivering it.

Mr. HALEY. I understand all of that. However, we do have a treaty with Mexico that guarantees the delivery of a certain amount of water. Isn't that the law of the river, that you have priorities in it?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir; this is perfectly normal to have compacts and international agreements.

Mr. HALEY. Wouldn't the treaty between the U.S. Government and the Government of Mexico override any State laws?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir; it has the first right.