

I think their assumption, for instance, that they could key such a project to Marble Canyon Dam or Hualapai Dam has some quicksand in it. And I think because of the added costs——

Mr. HOSMER. They are going to find out if, under the circumstances you have mentioned, whether or not you would be one of those roadblocks to such a project.

Secretary UDALL. I would think, Congressman, we are getting into a very "iffy" situation. I think this Congress is going to act.

Mr. HOSMER. I think so, too, but I am trying to get an evaluation of the proposal from your standpoint whether you would stand in its way or not.

Secretary UDALL. For me to say what I would do or for me to even assume that I would be Secretary at that time that came up gets into an "iffy" situation. Generally speaking, I think if the Congress in its wisdom said no project and Arizona was determined to go, in order for the Federal Government to be fair and to do justice, it ought not to unnecessarily obstruct such a project if the State were willing to pay the price and do the things that were necessary.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Chairman, point of order.

Mr. JOHNSON. The gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. SAYLOR. Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the committee, I would hope my colleague from California would remove from the record the implication that the present Secretary of the Interior is a roadblock. He and I have had our differences, violent differences. But I have never considered him a roadblock.

Mr. HOSMER. Well, I have not considered him a roadblock in all senses myself. I was asking him specifically about a hypothetical situation, as to whether he would under those certain assumptions constitute himself a roadblock to what appears to be somewhat of a fervent desire in Arizona for a do-it-yourself project.

Mr. SAYLOR. I would hope, Mr. Chairman, that the gentleman from California would use a more descriptive adjective for the Secretary than a roadblock.

Mr. HOSMER. I think I also used the term "barrier."

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Would the gentleman yield?

Mr. HOSMER. I yield.

Mr. BURTON of Utah. Wouldn't you think a more appropriate term would be "detour?" After having gone through Marble Canyon and Hualapai and now to steam generators.

Mr. HOSMER. After the rough going of the past 2 days, I don't know whether "detour" would be better than "barrier" or not.

Mr. JOHNSON. I am wondering if the gentleman from California would use the wording there, would you be in opposition to Arizona?

Mr. HOSMER. Cumulatively, I would be delighted to.

Mr. JOHNSON. Would you have any objection, Mr. Secretary, to that?

I do think you are on record as opposed to the dams in the river.

Secretary UDALL. I would think, myself, if Arizona were forced to another alternative, it would have to key to a steamplant solution something like the Page plant. This is very clear to me as a practical matter if it wants action, rather than have a 10-year argument before the Federal Power Commission, for example, and lose it.