

Arizona delegation that the record made by you and the brothers representing those counties over the years, the statements that the Secretary has made and that I have made, give these people in northern Arizona all the protection that can possibly be given in this legislation. I want to say, that while I continue in the Congress, it is my intention to do everything I can to see that the needs of these northern Arizona areas for municipal and industrial water will be taken care of. I think they will have and must have a high priority.

Mr. STEIGER. I thank the gentleman and I think he recognizes the restlessness.

I have a question on the Hualapai Tribe.

Do you recognize that any language, whether it be reserving the future of the Hualapai Dam site to the Congress or actually including it in some kind of moratorium is at least placing a portion of the Hualapai Tribe's income in jeopardy?

As you are aware, they now receive almost a third of their total income from a lease to the Arizona Power Authority for those damsite rights that they have.

All I would like to establish again for the record is the fact that you, as Secretary of the Interior, recognize this and will be able to plan, through your Bureau of Indian Affairs in some manner, to coordinate the recovery or compensation or recognize the imbalance that this is going to place on the tribe as far as their economics are concerned?

Secretary UDALL. Congressman, let me make a statement about this tribe.

Relatively speaking, this is a small tribe of Indians which has a large Indian reservation.

Mr. HOSMER. How large?

Secretary UDALL. About 1,500 to 2,000 members. They have a large land area, but it is plateau country, primarily useful for cattle grazing. Unfortunately have not struck minerals or petroleum on the reservation. Maybe that will come sometime. In terms of general economic well-being and prospects, as far as Arizona Indians are concerned, they are one of the tribes I worry most about, because they do not have things going their way or things coming up. This probably means that we should give them special attention and I am concerned about it.

But I am afraid I have to say as I said earlier, in all honesty, that they do not have a damsite that can be bought and sold or leased, and I am afraid that the position therefore of saying that Congress should reserve to itself the right forecloses any payment to them at this time.

Mr. STEIGER. But, Mr. Secretary, you are obviously aware of the problem and I am sure Commissioner Bennett is and the very pragmatic fact that they will lose \$24,000 a year, which is a third of their gross income, will be considered in any of your future plans for this particular tribe?

Secretary UDALL. Yes, indeed.

Mr. STEIGER. I thank the Secretary. I would just like to add, Mr. Secretary, that I personally want to commend you both for your testimony here and your patience and good will and your efforts on behalf of the entire Upper and Lower Colorado River Basin.

I thank the Chairman.

Mr. JOHNSON. The gentleman from Washington, Mr. Meeds.