

OAHE UNIT, MISSOURI RIVER BASIN PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1967

U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER RESOURCES
OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to call, at 10 a.m. in room 3110, Senate Office Building, Senator Henry M. Jackson presiding.

Present: Senators Henry M. Jackson (Washington); Frank Church (Idaho); Frank E. Moss (Utah); Quentin N. Burdick (North Dakota); George McGovern (South Dakota); Len B. Jordan (Idaho); and Clifford P. Hansen (Wyoming).

Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; Roy M. Whitacre, professional staff member; William Van Ness, special assistant; and Darryl Hart, assistant minority counsel.

Senator JACKSON. The subcommittee will come to order.

The hearing today is on Senate bill 6, by Senators George McGovern and Karl Mundt, to authorize construction of the first unit of the Oahe irrigation project in the Missouri River Basin in South Dakota. A copy of the bill and the reports of the Interior Department and the Bureau of the Budget will be printed at this point.

(The data referred to follows:)

[S. 6, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the first stage of the Oahe unit, James division, Missouri River Basin project, South Dakota, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to construct, operate, and maintain in accordance with the Federal reclamation laws (Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto) the first stage of the Oahe unit, James division, Missouri River Basin project, South Dakota, for the principal purposes of furnishing a surface irrigation water supply for approximately one hundred and ninety thousand acres of land, furnishing water for municipal and industrial uses, controlling floods, enhancing the generation of power, conserving and developing fish and wildlife resources, and enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities, and other purposes. The principal features of the first stage of the Oahe unit shall consist of the Oahe pumping plant to pump water from the Oahe Reservoir, a system of main canals, regulating reservoirs, and the James diversion dam and the James pumping plant on the James River. The remaining works will include appurtenant pumping plants, canals, and laterals for distributing water to the land, and a drainage system.

SEC. 2. The Secretary is authorized, as a part of the project, to construct, operate, and maintain or otherwise provide for public outdoor recreation and fish and wildlife enhancement facilities, to acquire or otherwise make available such adjacent lands or interests therein as are necessary for public outdoor recreation