

The Federal tax revenues during the 50-year repayment period would be over \$3.5 million, or over 85 percent of the costs allocated to irrigation.

Of course, also, all of the costs allocated to irrigation would be repaid by the water users, and power revenues during this 50-year period.

No. 6. The area development and the population would increase by about 15,000 people as a direct result of the irrigation project. It would provide an opportunity for us to retain in South Dakota the young people whom we educate but who are now moving away to areas of greater opportunity, or areas where they think greater economic opportunity might prevail.

Development of this Oahe unit as proposed by this legislation would largely alleviate this situation and tend to stop the drift from rural America to the crowded corridors of urban America where they can only find themselves caught in the riots, in the crime, in the frustrations which occur when too many people are crowded into too small an area without the good standards of living which they want to have for themselves and without the jobs that they thought they would find at the foot of the rainbow.

Senator McGOVERN. Senator Mundt, would you yield at that point?

Senator MUNDT. Yes.

Senator McGOVERN. Doesn't that point up where the cities have an interest in development projects of this kind? I think the events of this summer, the explosion of a good many of our great cities, demonstrates that piling up more and more people on top of each other in a few large metropolitan areas is a threat to those areas and a threat to the stability of our whole society.

Anything we can do in the interior of the country, where the population pressures are not so great, to hold the people there, to build up the opportunities for life in that part of our Nation, not only benefits us but it also takes off some of the pressures that are now building up in the cities.

Senator MUNDT. The Senator is exactly correct. The cities have a direct interest in this, not only because of this point we have been discussing, but you have to find jobs, you have to find economic opportunities for people in rural America if they are not going to continue to drift to the cities. When they get to the cities, they crowd into too small a place and find themselves frustrated because the hoped for economic opportunities do not eventuate.

They have cut their umbilical cord with their home areas. They become restless and get caught up in this current turmoil which is tending to plague the entire country. Of course, the cities have another very direct interest, may I say to my colleague, in the fact that as we produce more and become more prosperous, we in turn become a better market for the products of the big cities.

The seventh and final point I would like to make is that there would be an assured industrial and municipal water supply for 17 or more towns and cities coming immediately from this initial project of 190,000 acres. I am sure that I do not have to elucidate to Members of Congress or of this committee on the importance of water to our ever-increasing communities and to the development of many other resources in this Nation today.