

Whereas, residents of South Dakota have for many years counted on new irrigation development possible through the construction of the Oahe Unit to justify the large sacrifice of 509,000 acres of productive lands given up for the storage of water behind the four main-stem reservoirs constructed with the State; and

Whereas, the development of the Oahe Unit will further result in increased and stabilized agricultural production from lands which are presently under production, which in turn will result in many benefits to the State of South Dakota, the region, and the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, That the Forty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of South Dakota sincerely and respectfully petitions and urges the Congress of the United States to promptly consider and take favorable action authorizing and funding the construction of the "Oahe Unit—Initial Stage—190,000 Acres, James Division, South Dakota, Missouri River Basin Project; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to forward copies of this resolution to the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs, the members of the Missouri River Basin States' Congressional delegations, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on January 23, 1967.

JAMES D. JELBERT,
Speaker of the House.
PAUL INMAN,
Chief Clerk of the House.

Concurred in the Senate on January 26, 1967.

OLEN OVERPECK,
President of the Senate.
NELS P. JENSEN,
Secretary of the Senate.

Filed in the office of the South Dakota Secretary of State on January 27, 1967.

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ALMA LARSON,
South Dakota Secretary of State.

Senator McGOVERN. I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the record a resolution first adopted on November 22, last year, and reaffirmed by the board of directors of the South Dakota Association of Cooperatives on May 5 of this year, and next a statement by the South Dakota Council of Churches, by Rev. Orville M. Hepler, the executive secretary. I would like to ask that both of those statements be printed as part of the record.

Senator BURDICK. They will be made a part of the record.

(The documents referred to follow:)

SOUTH DAKOTA ASSOCIATION OF COOPERATIVES, HURON, S. DAK.

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING DEVELOPMENT OF THE OAHE IRRIGATION UNIT

Whereas full development of water resources is of paramount importance to the development of the commercial, industrial, agricultural and recreational potential of this region; and

Whereas we support the comprehensive and prompt development of all economically feasible projects and sites on all River Basins; and

Whereas the development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit will enhance the stability of the farming activities in a large part of South Dakota by eliminating crop failure due to drought and will make it possible for farmers to diversify their operations to meet the demands of an ever increasing, changing-market; and

Whereas the stabilizing effect irrigation will have on the agricultural economy of South Dakota will extend far beyond the project area and enable farmers within the unit to produce sufficient livestock feed, not only for their own use, but for adjoining ranching areas; and