

employment, greater tax payments, and greater income for the people of our State.

These plans have been on the drawing board since 1944. Our prize land has been inundated for many years now in order to protect the citizens downstream. It is now time that the people of South Dakota reap this most significant benefit from the Missouri River development.

I respectfully urge your committee to report favorably on the project and follow it closely so that early approval and construction on the first phase of this project can be started at an early date.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you, Mr. Sewell, for a very fine statement. It will be of great value to the committee in considering this legislation.

Mr. SEWELL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator McGOVERN. Our next witness is Mr. Fred H. Holscher, chairman, Oahe Subdistrict, Faulkton, S. Dak.

STATEMENT OF FRED H. HOLSCHER, CHAIRMAN, OAHE CONSERVANCY SUBDISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; ACCOMPANIED BY RAYMOND GALLAGHER, SUBDISTRICT LEGAL COUNSEL; AND JAMES LEWIS, SUBDISTRICT MANAGER, FAULKTON, S. DAK.

Mr. HOLSCHER. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Members of the subcommittee, and I hope some more will be here but I understand about the sessions this afternoon, my name is Fred Holscher and I reside in Faulkton, S. Dak.

I am chairman of the Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict board of directors, a position I have been privileged to hold since the subdistrict was organized in 1960. I also own and operate a farm unit near Faulkton.

With me are Mr. Lloyd Miller, our vice chairman, from Huron; Nelson Hundsted, secretary, from Bath, S. Dak.; Hans Jassen, director, Tulare, S. Dak.; John Schwab, our director from Andover; and Melvin Rausch, director from Roscoe, S. Dak. I also have with me today Mr. Raymond Gallagher, subdistrict legal counsel, and Mr. James Lewis, subdistrict manager, and with the committee's permission I would like to have them join me.

We appreciate the opportunity to appear before this distinguished committee today on behalf of the Oahe Conservancy Subdistrict to express strong local support for S. 6, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate and maintain the first stage of the Oahe unit.

I am sure there will be some repetition in my statement this afternoon, Mr. Chairman, but I feel it is quite important as we have worked quite some time on this Oahe unit and I feel these facts should be brought out.

We would like to express our gratitude to this committee for conducting a hearing on the Oahe unit in South Dakota on May 22 of this year thus allowing many hundreds of our citizens to participate therein and affording many more witnesses the opportunity to be heard than would otherwise have been the case had they been required to come to Washington.