

poorly engineered irrigation systems will do more to discourage irrigation than it will to promote it.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you very much, Mr. Jessen. I think you have been a fine concluding witness.

We have had a long day today, but I think an extremely valuable one. We have made a good hearing record. We have had a broad cross section of witnesses. It is my hope, and I know it is shared by my senior colleague, Senator Mundt, that we can move ahead now to take this project authorization to the full Interior Committee, and then take it to the Senate floor to get favorable action on it before we adjourn this fall.

Then if we can move early next year on the House authorization we should be in an excellent position to ask for funding in 1969.

I know it will be a happy, long-awaited day for the people of South Dakota.

I do want to thank you for your patience in bearing with us with these interruptions this afternoon. It has been a long time since 10 o'clock this morning. But I am sure the effort will be well worthwhile.

Senator MUNDT. That summarizes the position as we see it. You have all done a wonderful job. We probably will be calling you back in 1969 when it comes time to ask for the money.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you very much.

I have a letter here from Louis S. Clapper, of the National Wildlife Federation, for inclusion in the record at this point.

(The letter referred to follows:)

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION,
Washington, D.C., September 13, 1967.

Senator CLINTON P. ANDERSON,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Power and Water Development,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The National Wildlife Federation appreciates the invitation to comment upon S. 6, authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to construct, operate, and maintain the first stage of the Oahe unit, James division, Missouri River Basin project in South Dakota.

It is our understanding that the first stage of the Oahe unit would irrigate 190,000 acres of land and provide water supplies for industrial and municipal purposes. Additional benefits would accrue in flood control, fish and wildlife conservation, and recreation development. Facilities of the unit would include the James and Oahe pumping plants, regulating reservoirs formed by dams, and a system of main canals, laterals, etc.

The National Wildlife Federation joins its affiliate, the South Dakota Wildlife Federation, in believing the project is in the best public interest. We are particularly pleased that the plan will bring added water to a State which is an important waterfowl production area in addition to being widely-recognized as a leader in pheasants and other species of farm game. We also are informed that non-Federal interests are committed to administering the land and water areas for fish and wildlife and recreation, and to bearing appropriate shares of the costs of enhancement.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, we hope the Subcommittee sees fit to recommend approval of S. 6.

Thank you for the opportunity of making these remarks.

Sincerely,

LOUIS S. CLAPPER,
Chief, Division of Conservation Education.

Senator McGOVERN. I also have a letter from J. W. Penfold of The Izaak Walton League of America which will be included in the hearing record at this point.