

(The letter referred to follows:)

THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA, INC.,  
Glenview, Ill., September 26, 1967.

Hon. CLIFTON P. ANDERSON,  
*Chairman, Water and Power Resources Subcommittee, Senate Committee on  
Interior and Insular Affairs, New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR SENATOR ANDERSON: The Izaak Walton League of America appreciates the privilege of submitting a statement for the record on S. 6, authorizing construction of the first stage of the Oahe Unit, James River division, of the Missouri River Basin Project.

We support the fish and wildlife proposals recommended by the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department. We understand from various reports that sport fishing opportunities have been negligible in the South Dakota area where the water development project is to be undertaken and we earnestly hope that this project will include some improvement in fish resources for recreation.

Given the considerable wetland acreage to be destroyed by the project, it is imperative that alternative measures be taken to compensate for the loss of waterfowl production areas. We support the plan of the Fish and Wildlife Service which has set aside certain appropriate areas to be either enhanced or developed as a habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. Without such compensating features, the project would be difficult to justify from a conservation standpoint.

The League also supports the recreation benefits which will result from the project. The increasing demands across the country for leisure-time facilities for fishing, boating, swimming, picnicking, camping, hiking, etc., will unquestionably be evident in the Oahe Unit area as the irrigated lands draw more population.

Respectfully,

J. W. PENFOLD,  
*Conservation Director IWLA.*

Senator McGOVERN. The committee is adjourned.  
(Whereupon, at 4:50 p.m., the subcommittee concluded.)