

Senator Burdick is doing the same thing in his State of North Dakota.

As I mentioned last night, I come from a very arid State where we have had to irrigate from the first day we settled there. You people are meeting it in a little different manner, but it is just as important to you to establish your agriculture with irrigation as it is for us to irrigate the whole season along.

I am glad to be here and I am going to listen with great interest.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you, Senator Moss.

Our other out-of-State guest today is our neighbor from North Dakota, the principal author of the Garrison diversion authorization bill, Senator Quentin Burdick.

Senator BURDICK. George, I am very pleased to be here. I feel kind of a kinship toward this project. As a matter of fact, I feel like a partner in it.

As you know, many aspects are similar to ours in North Dakota. We employ and use the same James River in the project. But your presence here today means more than that. It means that you are identified with a national problem. To deal with a national problem; that is, the problem of water in this Nation. It is a problem in North Dakota, South Dakota, all over the country and we will be directing our attention toward what we can do to bring stability to South Dakota through the use of Missouri River water, what we can do to bring in farming and other enterprises and I am going to look with interest and maybe, prejudice, in part of it, and listen to the testimony particularly on the multipurpose aspects of the project.

This isn't only irrigation, as it is in North Dakota. It is a project that will benefit your municipal and industrial problems, and wild life, I am sure. This project is a multipurpose attack upon a problem.

I am certainly going to listen with great interest as I follow this program through and I too have to admit that I hear about this project of yours almost daily in the committee. Your member of the committee from South Dakota, George McGovern, keeps us constantly advised of the Oahe project and I must say, it's a privilege to be down here in my neighboring South Dakota.

Senator McGOVERN. Senator Burdick reminded us last night that while North and South Dakota may disagree as to where Sitting Bull's bones seem to be, we don't have any difference on the importance of irrigation.

Senator BURDICK. We don't have time for that, do we?

Senator McGOVERN. But we are very pleased and honored to have with us this morning our Governor, who has been a firm and active advocate of irrigation resource development in our State, and I would like now to call Gov. Nils Boe for any statement he would care to make.

STATEMENT OF HON. NILS BOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Governor BOE. Thank you very much, Senator McGovern, Senator Moss, Senator Burdick. First, I should like to take this opportunity to welcome you, Senator McGovern, back home to South Dakota, and you, Senator Moss, and Senator Burdick, as our guests in South Dakota today. And to further express the appreciation of all of the people of the State of South Dakota for your thoughtfulness and