

"Whereas, the South Dakota Engineering Society recognizes the importance of these economic benefits to the welfare of the State,

"Therefore, be it resolved, by the South Dakota Engineering Society to support the early development of the Oahe Unit and urges the Congress of the United States to pass legislation authorizing early construction."

As President-Elect of the South Dakota Engineering Society, it is my purpose through this letter to inform the subcommittee of our continued interest in this project and urge that the committee give its wholehearted support to this project. The South Dakota Engineering Society will be happy to supply further information and support if the committee feels this support is required.

Development of the Upper Midwest will provide local opportunities for rural people presently migrating to the already heavily-populated urban areas. It represents a real opportunity to provide useful development of an area which can easily absorb this type of progress.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL L. KOEPEL, P.E.,
President-Elect, S.D.E.S.

SOUTH DAKOTA WOOL GROWERS ASSOCIATION,
Minneapolis, Minn.

To Whom It May Concern:

Whereas, the South Dakota Wool Growers Association, an organization consisting of 6,907 farmers and ranchers producing sheep, lambs and wool in the State of South Dakota, recognizes the immediate need for the continued and orderly development of the region's water resources, and

Whereas, the construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit will result in development, a water resource project, of utmost importance to the people of South Dakota which will provide a stabilizing influence to that State's chief industry—agriculture, now

Therefore be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of the South Dakota Wool Growers Association, that this organization make known its support for the early development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit an integral part of the Missouri River Basin Project.

LLOYD EIKUM, Secretary.

(The resolution of the South Dakota Land Improvement Contractors Authority is printed on page 106.)

Senator MCGOVERN. Thank you very much, Mr. Holscher, and would you wait 1 minute?

Senator BURDICK. In your statement, you referred to the fact that you have lost more than 500,000 acres of land for reservoir purposes on these main-stem dams, whereas the Governor has pointed out that the landowners were paid for this land, of course, but the other losses are in great amounts. For example, do you have any figures now that you can submit to the committee for what the losses are of real estate and personal property taxes and other taxes?

Mr. HOLSCHER. These are the taxes that we are losing, real estate taxes from the loss of this land. I don't know whether Mr. Lewis, our manager, has those figures or not. I do not have them at the present time. If you wish, I would like to have Mr. Lewis answer that if he could.

Senator BURDICK. I would hope that either the amounts or approximate amounts be placed in the record, either here or at Washington, and No. 2, do you have an economic loss in addition to those tax losses? Now, I understand that it is hard to evaluate, but if you can give us some estimate what that loss will be, I would appreciate it.

Mr. HOLSCHER. Real good. I will try to get them for you.

Senator MCGOVERN. I know the work of Fred Holscher and his fellow conservancy subdistrict members has had a great deal to do with the success and referendum to which he referred. Of course, those