

quite effectively. We are going to face a food problem in the world before very long, and in your book "Freedom From Hunger," Senator McGovern, you pointed out the need for food the world over.

As a farmer and director of Lions International, in our work, working with CARE and distribution of food, we have 10,000 people dying and starving because of malnutrition and time is of the essence. I believe this should be authorized with full steam ahead because it is in the interest of South Dakota and on the national and international level.

I believe I could speak at length in support of this project, but I think you have the feeling that we in South Dakota, and maybe here represents the populace area of the State, the southeast part, are totally in support of this project and we want to encourage you to go back to Washington and talk to a full committee and get this project authorized so we may move ahead.

Thank you very much.

Senator McGovern. We appreciate that statement very much.

It is impossible for me to tell from looking at this witness list who the critics are and who the supporters are, but so far, we have had unanimous support here.

I would like sometime before we break for lunch, to give an opportunity to anyone who is a critic of this proposal to be heard. So, if there is anyone who would like to come forward at this time, we would be glad to put them on. I have developed a new appreciation for the dissenters and critics in the last few months. We would be glad to hear anyone who wishes to be heard on the dissenting side of the issue. No one ready to speak right at this time?

Let us take someone from Pierre. We haven't heard any witness from Pierre.

Mr. Lawrence Snyder from the Hughes County Water Resources Committee. Is he in the room?

While he is making his way to the witness stand, I might say that Mr. Bob Hipple is over here at the press table, and I think everyone familiar with water resource development in our State, and particularly with the Missouri River, knows he is one of the most articulate and consistent champions of sound water development. We are happy to have him here as an editor.

STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE SNYDER, HUGHES COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE, PIERRE, S. DAK.

Mr. SNYDER. Senator McGovern, Senator Moss, and Senator Burdick, my name is Lawrence Snyder, my address is Part A, Pierre, S. Dak. I am a landowner of Hughes County and I live approximately 10 miles northeast of Pierre, S. Dak. I am making this presentation in behalf of the Hughes County Water Resource Committee of which I am a member.

Having been born and raised in Hughes County and old enough to remember wiping the dust from the duststorms off my dinner plate prior to eating, many days each year of those trying times, gave me a great respect for water requirements of this country. At that time most