

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the North Dakota State Water Commission, meeting in regular session in its office in the State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, March 23, 1967, that it strongly favors and supports the proposed Oahe unit, initial stage, development and does hereby most respectfully urge the Congress to consider and take favorable action upon the aforesaid legislative bills at the earliest practicable date; and

Be it further resolved that the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Nils A. Boe, Governor of South Dakota; U.S. Senators Karl E. Mundt, George McGovern, Milton R. Young, and Quentin N. Burdick, and U.S. Representatives E. Y. Berry, Ben Reifel, Mark Andrews, and Thomas S. Kleppe; Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary, Honorable Kenneth Holum, Assistant Secretary for Water and Power, and Honorable Floyd E. Dominy, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

For the North Dakota State Water Commission:

Governor WILLIAM L. GUY, *Chairman*.

Senator MCGOVERN. Thank you so much, Mr. Svendby, for your statement. We appreciate that.

Senator BURDICK. I consider that right neighborly, don't you?

What is the position of the National Reclamation Association?

Mr. SVENDBY. The National Reclamation Association will present a statement in favor of the Oahe Irrigation District, in Washington, at your hearings at that time.

Senator BURDICK. Do you know the views of any of the lower Missouri associations?

Mr. SVENDBY. I don't know, but I might say, Mr. Perry Moore, who lives in Kansas, attended our meeting of our board of directors in March, and at that time he seemed to be very much in favor of that program.

Senator BURDICK. And we will have a resolution coming forward from the National Association?

Mr. SVENDBY. Yes, sir.

Senator BURDICK. That will be favorable.

Senator MCGOVERN. Our last witness before lunch will be Allen Sperry of Brown County.

STATEMENT OF ALLEN SPERRY, FARMER IN THE WEST BROWN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Mr. SPERRY. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, my name is Allen Sperry. I farm with my son, Jim, in the West Brown Irrigation District.

It was very nearly 10 years ago that I appeared before your committee in Washington to ask your support for continuing the investigation as to feasibility of irrigation for the Lake Plain area in South Dakota. At the hearing I made the statement that I did not know, then, if I wanted irrigation but that I knew that I wanted more facts that we could only receive through a complete study and tests.

Eventually Congress appropriated the money and the Bureau of Reclamation made its report. This report along with a later edition put out in 1965 indicates that we have good irrigable land and a very favorable benefit-cost ratio of 2.5 to 1 for the first stage development of 190,000 acres and 2.8 to 1 for the ultimate stage of 495,000 acres. The reports also indicate that since the economy of South Dakota