

At our 75th annual convention just concluded Saturday afternoon, May 20, our members again, by resolution, expressed their support of the Oahe irrigation unit and urged the authorization by Congress. A copy of the resolution is attached.

The banking industry of South Dakota stands completely behind the Oahe project and as the principal supplier of agricultural credit in our State, we are fully aware of the great need for this project to improve the stability of our agricultural economy.

At the time of the completion of the hearings in Washington, D.C., we will submit a more expansive and complete statement to the committee indicating the study that we have given to this particular matter.

Thank you for this opportunity to appear before you and on behalf of the banking industry in South Dakota. Might I take this opportunity to urge a favorable report on Senate bill No. 6.

(The resolution referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Whereas, it is the desire of the citizens of South Dakota to develop their state water resources for South Dakota's future development of industry, agriculture, rural and urban growth and the awareness that growth depends upon an abundant, suitable and economical water supply; and

Whereas, the Oahe Irrigation Unit as proposed is of great importance to the economic structure of the state by the irrigation of 495,000 acres in the James River Basin and the Missouri Slope, thereby producing additional municipal and industrial water supplies, conservation, recreation, flood control and pollution abatement thus realizing maximum utilization of land, water and human resources for growth in South Dakota;

Now, therefore, be it resolved: That the South Dakota Bankers Association recognizing the benefits to the entire state of South Dakota through the proposed Oahe Irrigation Unit it hereby supports all groups, associations, agencies and individual citizens in urging that the Oahe Irrigation Unit be authorized by the Congress of the United States; and

Be it further resolved: that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to members of the Congress of the United States on the appropriate committees interested in water resource development and reclamation.

Approved by Convention Assembly

ROY TERWILLIGER,

Executive Secretary,

South Dakota Bankers Association.

Dated: May 19, 1967

Senator McGOVERN: Thank you, and we will see that the resolution is made a part of the record.

Is Mr. Wayne Van Winkle here?

Mr. Van Winkle is a Brown County farmer. We are happy to have your statement now, Mr. Van Winkle.

STATEMENT OF WAYNE VAN WINKLE, COLUMBIA, S. DAK.

Mr. VAN WINKLE: I am Wayne Van Winkle of Columbia, S. Dak. My father, my son, and I, representing three generations, operate an 1,800-acre farm on which we have resided for the past 62 years. We raise small grain, corn, and alfalfa with which we produce hogs, sheep, and cattle. We specialize in brown Swiss dairy cattle from which we sell grade A milk to the city of Aberdeen.

Senator McGOVERN: How many cows do you milk, Mr. Van Winkle?

Mr. VAN WINKLE: Just what my wife can handle.

Our biggest problem has been to raise sufficient feed for our stock each year. In the thirties we had to cut Russian thistles to feed our