

The Federal Treasury will also benefit because it has been estimated that the increased Federal income tax in the irrigation district will amount to more than \$31½ million.

When the large multipurpose dams were constructed on the Missouri River, it was clearly understood by the people of South Dakota that the major benefit to South Dakota would come from ultimate irrigation development in our State.

Before we turned to this assurance, the people of South Dakota gave up hundreds of thousands of acres of our most productive land, which subsequently has been inundated by the lakes located behind the dams. This land is lost forever, and with it the potential income from these lands. This terrific loss to our State can be replaced by steady and thorough irrigation development in the James Valley. This has been studied and restudied by the Bureau of Reclamation and they find it to be completely economically feasible.

This project is important to the people of South Dakota and in the very near future will be an important food supply source to the people of the world.

I respectfully urge there be no further delay and Congress give speedy approval to the authorization of this project.

Thank you.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you, Mr. Stroman.

Mr. Dean Haynes, of the Redfield Chamber of Commerce, is our next witness. We are glad to hear from you, Mr. Haynes, and I want to repeat to you our appreciation of Redfield's fine hospitality today.

STATEMENT OF DEAN HAYNES, PRESIDENT, REDFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. HAYNES. Senator Burdick and Senator McGovern, I have filed a resolution from the Chamber of Commerce of Redfield, and I would also like to testify in their behalf.

My name is Dean Haynes. I am president of the Redfield Chamber of Commerce. This organization consists of approximately 195 members who represent businesses of all types which serve the Redfield area.

We are pleased to have the honor of hosting the Senate field hearings in Redfield and to have the distinguished members of the Power and Water Resources Subcommittee of the U.S. Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in our city to conduct these hearings.

We were very happy as a town to give our firm support and cooperation in implementing the first phase of the irrigation program by obtaining 79-percent-plus vote in favor of contract of authority in the November 8 election.

We realize that a reclamation project cannot be a reality unless it has the solid support of the local people and we feel that we have supported this tremendously important project by this vote.

Redfield depends upon its business from the surrounding rural area and we know that there is a direct relationship between water resources development and community prosperity. With irrigation, Redfield would thrive with progressive businesses, better medical services, fine churches and schools, and other cultural and commercial enterprises.

We would be afforded a stability in our economy in this area which we have never been able to ascertain heretofore.