

Because of the lack of industry and commercial enterprises we have been unable to keep our good young people located in this area. There is no future for our young people unless we implement an irrigation program which will in turn create industrial and agricultural jobs to give our young people an opportunity in which to invest their time and talents.

With agricultural and industrial developments, we would increase our annual retail services, wholesales services, and processing of all kinds. We could envision numerous new processing plants to handle agricultural products such as alfalfa dehydration plants, dairy products, canneries, meatpacking plants, locker plants, and numerous other types of businesses. Investments in agricultural processing plants could run into millions of dollars and annual payrolls would run high. There would be a tremendous increase in local and State taxes to broaden our tax base.

Another important part of an irrigation project for this area would be the recreation areas. These areas would be wonderful for the local area residents and would be an attraction for the many tourists traveling through this area. This could be a real boost to business and the economy in the entire area.

We most respectfully urge an early and favorable consideration in regard to the Oahe conservancy project and I would like to thank you on behalf of the Redfield Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to express the thoughts of this organization and to appear before you today.

(The resolution referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION OF THE REDFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Whereas, the Redfield Chamber of Commerce is composed of members from owners and employees of 195 business, professional and service organizations within the city of Redfield, South Dakota, and surrounding communities;

Whereas, the Redfield Chamber of Commerce represents the business and professional members who will be affected by the development of the Oahe Irrigation Project, and

Whereas the members of the Redfield Chamber of Commerce have actively supported the membership area and recognize the benefits to be derived to the entire populace of this area, through the stability of rural economy and bring business to the local concerns and business interests in the area and State of South Dakota, and

Whereas, the limited possibilities as now exist for the younger generation who at present have very limited opportunities, this project would develop and encourage the younger products of our population to stay, and we can conserve our younger generation, our greatest asset.

Whereas, we recognize the need for both domestic and foreign food supplies, and this development would provide for future needs.

It is therefore resolved that the Redfield Chamber of Commerce of Redfield, South Dakota strongly endorses its support to the Oahe Irrigation Projects and request the early developments of the project by the Congress of the United States, and copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Senate Field Hearings to be held in Redfield, South Dakota, May 8, 1967.

ARTHUR G. AAKER,

*Secretary, Redfield Chamber of Commerce.*

Senator McGOVERN. Mr. Haynes, I would like to take this occasion not only to thank you for your statement, but beyond that, to thank you and your colleagues in the Redfield Chamber of Commerce again for helping to make this day a success. I know there was a consider-