

able amount of effort made by you and other local people here in the community to host our hearings. We are grateful to you.

I know Senator Burdick feels the same way and wishes you would extend our thanks to your colleagues.

Mr. HAYNES. I certainly will do so and we appreciate having you here.

Senator McGOVERN. Mr. Kenneth Jark, Brown County.

**STATEMENT OF KENNETH JARK, PRESIDENT, JAMES RIVER
FLOOD CONTROL ASSOCIATION**

Mr. JARK. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, I am Kenneth Jark, of Stratford, S. Dak.

I am appearing today as president of the James River Flood Control Association. Our membership includes 69 landowners with land in the James River Valley in Brown and Spink Counties.

Our members are not all for irrigation, but we are all in favor of developing a feasible plan that will control the flooding of valuable farmland that occurs almost every year along the James River.

Results of a survey conducted by the Brown County Extension Service showed that in 1966 in Brown County alone that 20,013 acres were flooded. Of this total, almost one-half was good, fertile cropland, with the balance being pasture and hayland. In addition, another 3,545 acres were lost due to seepage, of this amount 2,473 acres being in cropland.

Approximately 10,692 rods of dike were damaged and 20,580 rods of fence were destroyed or damaged.

The Flood Control Association estimated the above losses amount to \$1,098,687 in Brown County. In addition to this, a substantial loss, though not as great, was experienced in Spink County.

The losses just mentioned do not include destruction and damage to roads, bridges, wildlife developments, parks, and other public property.

We are hoping that a workable and acceptable flood control plan can be developed at an early date.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you for your statement. I know that flooding problem has been a serious one for a good many years. I am trying to work out an arrangement with Senator Burdick to keep that water in North Dakota until we get ready for it.

Is Mrs. Eldon Beckler here? We would be glad to hear from you now, Mrs. Beckler. Mrs. Beckler is another resident from Brown County.

STATEMENT OF MRS. ELDON BECKLER, BATH, S. DAK.

Mrs. BECKLER. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, I am appearing here today as a housewife and working mother. We farm 450 acres in the Bath area and our land is included within the boundaries of the West Brown Irrigation District.

Because our farm unit is not of adequate size to provide a satisfactory standard of living for my family, I am working full time as a bank teller in Aberdeen. Needless to say, I would much rather devote full time to my duties as a housewife and mother.