

We urge you to give a favorable recommendation for this project and make every effort to expedite its completion.

Thank you for allowing me to appear here today.

(The resolutions referred to follow:)

RESOLUTION OF THE SPINK COUNTY FARMERS' UNION

Whereas, the Oahe Irrigation Unit will provide for the irrigation of land in north-central South Dakota thereby diversifying and stabilizing the production of this land and eliminating the effects of periodic droughts that now adversely affect the dryland farmers in the area, and

Whereas it will enhance the establishment of agriculture processing industries that will increase the economy of the area by providing new markets for South Dakota's farm products, and

Whereas, it will provide new job opportunities for the State's young people who are now leaving the State to find adequate employment, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the Spink County Farmers' Unit supports the early development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

PAUL P. HOFFER,

County Chairman.

Mrs. J. W. KLEINSASSER, Jr.,

Spink County Farmers' Union Secretary.

RESOLUTION OF THE DOLAND COMMUNITY FARMERS' UNION LOCAL No. 1032, DOLAND, S. DAK.

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Therefore be it resolved, that the Doland Community Farmers Union Local #1032 supports the early development of the Oahe Irrigation Unit.

LLOYD BATTEST,

President.

Mrs. LLOYD BATTEST,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you for your statement, Mr. Hofer.

Mr. Raymond Griess, is he in the room? Mr. Griess is the president of the Brown County Sportsmen's Club.

STATEMENT OF RAYMOND GRIESS, PRESIDENT, BROWN COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

Mr. GRIESS. Senator McGovern, Senator Burdick, I am Raymond Griess, president of the Brown County Sportsmen's Club and, in private life, I am a teacher of the South Dakota School for the Blind. I might add also, I am a displaced North Dakotan and my hometown of Oakes is in the center of one of the districts for the Garrison unit.

In South Dakota, one has many reminders of the importance of water to the land; and from the land to that which thrives upon the land and on up to man himself. Man's very existence depends on the supply of water which is readily available. Early travelers in this