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Whereas, irrigation of these lands will help stabilize the agriculture of Faulk County,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Faulk County Crop Improvement Association go on record supporting the early development of the Oahe Unit and urge Congress to enact legislation which will permit early construction of the Oahe Unit.

Unanimously adopted at the annual meeting, February 3, 1966.

FAULK COUNTY CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION,
ROMAN N. GEBHART, *Director*.

Whereas, The Faulk County Water Users is a voluntary organization consisting of farmers and residents from every portion of Faulk County, and

Whereas, this organization is vitally interested in the development of South Dakota's water resources and in particular the Oahe Irrigation Unit, and

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Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Faulk County Water Users Organization go on record supporting the early development of the Oahe Unit and urge Congress to enact legislation which will permit early construction of the Oahe Unit.

FAULK COUNTY WATER USERS ORGANIZATION,
NORMAN G. PAUL, *Chairman*.

Senator McGovern: Mr. Kloster; is he in the room?

Is Mr. Tollefson here? Mr. Morgan Tollefson from Clark.

If not, we will try to get those statements included in the record at a later time.

Is Mr. Jens Christensen here? Mr. Christensen, we will hear from you now. He is the president of the Beadle County Farmers Union.

STATEMENT OF JENS CHRISTENSEN, PRESIDENT, BEADLE COUNTY FARMERS UNION

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Jens Christensen and I represent the Beadle County Farmers Union, an organization of some 470 farm families or 45 percent of the farmers in Beadle County.

As far back as I can remember people living in this part of the country have off and on been exposed to a dream—a dream of green acres and lush fields right in the heart of drought and semiarid conditions. This dream was so fantastic that nobody but a fool or a person entirely immune to scorn or ridicule would dare to discuss this and then only among his closest friends. To make this dream come true, the plan was to channel water from the Missouri River across country to the broad, flat land of the James River area, where it would be used for irrigation.

At this same time, way back in the golden age of the twenties, another dream equally as fantastic as this first one, was going around. This was the dream of bringing electricity into every farm and ranch home in South Dakota. That dream has already been realized with the help of the Federal Government.

Today we again stand before a committee representing our Federal Government to ask their aid in making this dream for irrigation come