

stage construction of the Oahe Irrigation Unit as set forth by the Bureau of Reclamation Report of May and June, 1965, and further urges the full development of the Unit at an early date.

And be it further resolved that this resolution be submitted to members of the South Dakota Congressional Delegation, to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and to the House of Representatives Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the United States Congress.

L. C. SWANSON,
Chairman, Board of Directors.

Attest:

EDWIN L. RUDD,
Secretary.

Senator McGOVERN. Thank you for your statement, Mr. Butler. We appreciate that.

Now, we will hear from this gentleman right over here.

STATEMENT OF THOMAS McNENNY, PRESIDENT, SOUTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU

Mr. McNENNY. Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick. I am Tom McNenny, president of the South Dakota Farm Bureau, and I live out in the west end of our State where we have some irrigation problem.

The first irrigation that was done in this whole area was done in the Belle Fourche area where they built the first dam under the Bureau of Reclamation. We have another dam near Angostura where quite a little irrigation is being done.

I have irrigated from my pumping from the Belle Fourche River for a good many years. Last year I used electric power from West River REA for our pumping.

I also served as a member on the board of supervisors on the soil conservation district for about 10 years. At our last annual meeting, I guess the last two or three meetings, our members have approved the Oahe District.

However, there has been some question among our members as to the cost of irrigation. Do you have anything on the cost of the water to the farmer for irrigation?

Senator McGOVERN. We are not prepared to give you that now. We will have estimates on that, but we do not have them available today.

Mr. McNENNY. Not available today. That's one of the questions our members ask and it couldn't be answered and I think if you all realize if the water costs are too high, we cannot use it in irrigation.

Senator McGOVERN. Staff counsel just reminded me that when the Bureau of the Budget releases the full report, that information will be available, both to the Congress and to the general public. We expect that quite soon. I would say in the next few weeks.

Mr. McNENNY. Now, there is another question.

Do the acres limitations still apply to this area? That is, 160 acres.

Senator McGOVERN. It is still in effect. That's a general law.

Of course, in the case of man and wife, that would be 320 acres.

Senator BURDICK. From the 1902 Reclamation Act.

Mr. McNENNY. I might say, in this Angostura area where they have done a lot of irrigation and places were cut up into 120 and 150