

of good land that's nearer the water. It's my opinion it could be irrigated as cheap or cheaper and that needs to be seriously considered; ways and means to bring it into irrigation.

I intend, now, after hearing this, these testimonies today, to write a paper and try to get it in, in time to be a part of this hearing.

Senator McGOVERN. You will have plenty of time. We will see that your paper is made a part of the hearing record whenever we receive it.

Mr. YOUNG. Thank you very much. It seems to me—I want to make one more statement—that there has been so much said here today about time, when and how long it would be before this project in the Jim River Valley here might become a reality. At best, it seems to be several years off. It seems to me they could be—well, I'll say, large acreage under irrigation put under production along the reservoir much sooner. We have natural drainage. We have wetlands, and we have access to the same water.

I and my family are undertaking to irrigate some this year that is near the water so we are starting our projection to experiment with what we might be able to do.

I believe that is all I have to say. I just want to avoid having the excess land owner of South Dakota left clear out. There has been a little said here today, but very little.

Senator McGOVERN. We appreciate your comments and your testimony.

Now, we have time for one more person, I believe here. Yes, we have a gentleman here.

STATEMENT OF FRED KLICHER, WOLSEY, S. DAK.

Mr. KLICHER. Honorable Senator McGovern and Senator Burdick, I do not have written testimony, but in observing what I have heard today, I would like to have permission to speak.

Senator McGOVERN. Please give us your name and address.

Mr. KLICHER. Fred Klicher, from Wolsey and Beadle County.

I am a member of the National Farmers Organization, Farmers Union.

Now, I would like to have it very plain that I am wholeheartedly behind any irrigation project, but what astonishes me is through the testimony that was given today nothing has been said or spoken about price conditions and situations, and no one can tell me that this will solve our problem. We must have prices first of all. Let us put first things first.

Senator McGOVERN. I don't think you have any quarrel with Senator Burdick and me. We are strong advocates of improving farm price income and both of us sponsor in that direction.

Mr. KLICHER. First of all, let me clear myself.

I have been a strong advocate and close follower of a very great man through the passing years. To me one of the greatest that I can think of, that is, Charles H. Wilson, that as you well know was very instrumental in passing the 90-percent parity through the more years. Now, this man, in my opinion, in his speaking, in his pronouncements—also, he was Director of Economy in Washington, D.C.

This man today is unheard of; nobody listens to this man and, in my thinking, he still insists that we need parity. How can we be ex-