

(The resolution referred to follows:)

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF MILLER, S. DAK.

Whereas, the Common Council of the City of Miller, Hand County, South Dakota, has been advised of a United States Senate Sub-Committee meeting to be held in the City of Redfield, South Dakota, on the 22nd day of May, 1967, and that the said committee meeting is for the purpose of obtaining testimony relative to the early adoption of the Oahe Irrigation Project, and;

Whereas, the Common Council believes that the adoption of the said Irrigation Project is vital to the economic development of the City of Miller, Hand County, and surrounding counties and cities to the extent that it will tend to stabilize the economy of this immediate area in particular and the State of South Dakota in general, and;

Whereas, it is believed that rural South Dakota has gradually sustained an economic reversal to the extent that immediate measures must be taken to improve the stabilizing of the economy and that the earliest possible adoption of the Oahe Irrigation Project is absolutely essential in accomplishing this purpose, and;

Whereas, it is also believed that the City of Miller may, at some future time, acquire water from the Project for public and commercial consumption and therefore be it RESOLVED as follows, to-wit:

That the Common Council in and for the City of Miller, for the reasons hereinabove stated does endorse the said Oahe Irrigation Project and does further encourage and recommend the earliest possible adoption of the said Oahe Irrigation Project.

Dated this 15th day of May, 1967.

Senator McGOVERN. Many people have turned in letters and statements concerning this project. Those, along with the letters written to the committee, will all be included in the hearing record at this point.

(The data referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF VERNON S. COOPER, PRESIDENT, UPPER MISSOURI WATER USERS ASSOCIATION, CARRINGTON, NORTH DAKOTA

Mr. Chairman, my name is Vernon S. Cooper, Carrington, North Dakota. I am president of the Upper Missouri Water Users Association, an organization composed of irrigation districts, ditch companies, other water users organizations, representatives of various agencies, and individuals interested in water resources development of the four states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. Our association has been in existence for twenty years and has, during this time been concerned with water resources development in the Upper Missouri River Basin, as well as the problems associated with the use of water for irrigation and other purposes in our region. The Upper Missouri Water Users Association is interested in, and concerned with, the development of sound water resources projects in our four-state region and each year reviews water resources project proposed for our region and gives its endorsement to those projects which it considers to be good and sound water resources projects. It has, by Resolution adopted at its 19th Annual Conference held in Billings, Montana, December 14th and 15th, 1966, given such an endorsement to the Oahe Unit, South Dakota, of the Missouri River Basin project and supports the early authorization of this project.

The Upper Missouri River region has great potential, a potential that is dependent, to a great extent, to the development and use of its resources—particularly its water resources. By utilizing a portion of these water resources of the region now controlled by dams which are a part of the Missouri River Basin Project for irrigation and other purposes, our region can and will make a substantially greater contribution to the nation's strength and prosperity than is now possible. The Oahe Unit in South Dakota will provide an outstanding opportunity to the Upper Missouri Basin region to make this contribution.

The Upper Missouri Water Users Association respectfully requests and urges your favorable consideration of S. 6 to authorize construction of the Oahe Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in South Dakota.

Thank you.