

STATEMENT OF ROY A. HOLAND, CHAIRMAN, GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, LAMOURE, N. DAK.

Mr. Chairman, my name is Roy A. Holand, LaMoure, North Dakota. I am the Chairman of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, a twenty-five county legal entity established in the State of North Dakota which is concerned with the development and operation of the Garrison Diversion Unit of the Missouri River Basin project.

The support of the Garrison Diversion Conservancy District for the early authorization of the Oahe Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in South Dakota is set forth in a resolution which was adopted by our Board of Directors on April 5th, 1967, a copy of which is attached to this statement.

Although our principal concern and interest is with the Garrison Diversion Unit in North Dakota, our organization is keenly interested in and strongly supports the development and utilization of the resources in our region to provide for its growth and economic stability. The development of 190,000 acres of irrigation in South Dakota as is planned under the Oahe Unit, along with the other purposes which the project will serve, will have a decided salutary effect on the economy of South Dakota. Along with the development of the 250,000 acre Garrison Diversion unit in North Dakota, which has already been authorized by Congress and is under construction, it will stimulate the economic growth and development of the Northern Great Plains region of our Nation. Here, where now the economy is based almost entirely on a dry-land agriculture, subject to the vagaries of an unpredictable rainfall each year, we can expect irrigation development, and the other purposes these projects will serve, to provide growth and stability and better enable the Region to make its full contribution to the strength and prosperity of our Nation.

The Garrison Diversion Conservancy District respectfully urges and requests your favorable consideration of legislation that would authorize the Oahe Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project in South Dakota.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GARRISON DIVERSION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Whereas the Oahe Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project has been investigated by the Bureau of Reclamation and has been determined to be an engineeringly sound and economically feasible multiple purpose water resources project which will bring many benefits to the project area, the State of South Dakota, and Upper Midwest and the Nation, and

Whereas the development of irrigation through the Oahe Unit will partially offset the loss South Dakota has experienced because of the inundation of about one-half a million acres of land for Missouri River main-stem reservoirs; and

Whereas bills, namely S. 6 and HR 27 and HR 1163, have been introduced in the 90th Congress which, if approved, would authorize the construction of the first stage of the Oahe Unit to provide water for a number of purposes including the development of 190,000 acres of irrigation; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of Directors of the Garrison Diversion Unit at a meeting duly assembled at Harvey, North Dakota, this 5th day of April, 1967, That this Board strongly supports the State of South Dakota and the Oahe Conservancy Sub-district in their efforts to bring about the development of the Oahe Unit and respectfully urges Congress to approve the authorization of the initial stage of the Oahe Unit, Missouri River Basin Project, as set forth in the bills listed herein; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senators Milton R. Young, Quentin N. Burdick, Karl C. Mundt, George McGovern; Representatives Mark Andrews, Thomas Kleppe, E. Y. Berry, and Ben Reifel; Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall; Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Kenneth Holm; Commissioner of Reclamation, Floyd E. Dominy and Fred Holscher, Chairman, Oahe Conservancy Sub-district.

STATEMENT OF THE REE HEIGHTS TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB

In support of Legislation to authorize Oahe Project, we the members of the Ree Heights Town and Country Club strongly urge the passage of Senate Bill 6. We believe that the Oahe project is essential and that it should be approved as fast as possible.