

After those hearings have been held, we will compile the full record of what has been said here, of the statements that have been filed, and of the complete statements that are made in Washington by everyone testifying pro and con on this Oahe first stage project.

As soon as those hearings are printed, everyone who has filled out a registration form here in the course of the day will be sent a copy of those hearings.

Now, if for some reason or another your name is overlooked, if you will write my office in Washington, we will see that you get a copy of the full hearings.

We do want to express our appreciation to you.

I think it ought to be made clear to everyone here that we still have a long legislative effort ahead of us. After both the subcommittees and the full committees in Washington and the House and Senate have completed their work, the measure must then go to the floor for action in both the House and Senate. There will then be a conference between the two legislative bodies to work out any differences that might develop in the legislation as we move along and then it goes to the President for his signature.

That is the authorization process. After that is completed, we go through the appropriations process to get the initial appropriations needed to get the project under construction. That's a process that could involve several years, but I think we are talking about a proposal of such great value to our State and of such importance, too, that it is well worth the time and effort that we will be investing as a people and Members of the U.S. Congress in moving along.

As we have seen here in the testimony today, it holds forth the progress in new progress in agriculture, holds forth the progress of many new business and job opportunities in our State, and a more dependable economy, both for the farmers and business people, aside from the many social gains on which we cannot put a price tag.

The provision of new jobs and recreation opportunities for our young people, the strengthening of our schools and churches, and other institutions across the State. I think all of these are vital to South Dakota's future and I look forward as one of your Senators in working with you toward those objectives.

Thank you ever so much.

(Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.)

