

thing to take advantage of in terms of what they have done. The phrasing of the contract and the fact that after certain things were performed, then other rights were acquired and the project moves into a second stage, was more the thing that I had in mind.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you, sir. I would like to add for the record that Governor Hathaway of Wyoming has a statement he will be submitting. The Governor's statement indicates the interests of our chief executive in Wyoming in this whole matter of Federal-State relationship insofar as conservation practices are concerned, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Moss. That will be included in the record at the conclusion of the testimony of the Secretary, along with statements of other Governors and Members of the Congress. To illuminate the discussion we had on the recent modification of the withdrawal of oil shale lands, I will place in the record the text of the Executive order of President Hoover, dated April 15, 1930. This will show the length of time that there has been withdrawal of oil shale lands. All of this time we have been trying to work out a policy for development of this resource.

(The Executive order referred to follows:)

EXECUTIVE ORDER [No. 5327]

WITHDRAWAL OF PUBLIC OIL-SHALE DEPOSITS AND LANDS CONTAINING SAME
FOR CLASSIFICATION

Under authority and pursuant to the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 847), as amended by the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 497), it is hereby ordered that subject to valid existing rights the deposits of oil shale, and land containing such deposits owned by the United States, be, and the same are hereby, temporarily withdrawn from lease or other disposal and reserved for the purposes of investigation, examination, and classification.

This order shall continue in full force and effect unless and until revoked by the President or by act of Congress.

HERBERT HOOVER.

THE WHITE HOUSE, April 15, 1930.

Senator Moss. Senator Hansen, have you completed your questions?

Senator HANSEN. I would like, if I may, Mr. Chairman, to reiterate a statement made by the senior Senator from Colorado, to which I subscribe wholeheartedly and that is to express my keen interest in hoping, Mr. Secretary, that you will provide us with a draft of your proposed leasing regulations at the very earliest time that they are available. I know Senator Allott expressed his keen interest, too.

Mr. UDALL. We will be glad to do so.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you very much.

(The information requested is as follows:)

PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO GOVERN OIL SHALE LEASING AND LAND EXCHANGES
ANNOUNCED

Regulations which would permit a limited area of oil shale lands to be leased for research and development, and others to be exchanged, under conditions designed to protect the public interest are being proposed by the Department of the Interior.

"We sincerely hope that these proposed regulations, being published in the Federal Register, will receive the widest possible range of comment from the general public, members of Congress, industry, the scientific and educational community and the three States most directly involved," Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall said. He promised careful consideration of all comments before any rules are officially adopted.