

I do not know anything about oil shale mining, and little about that area, but it would seem to me that you give a physical set up here that might be given to pollution of fresh water streams and, I would hope that your Department would keep that high on the priority list when you have your regulations promulgated.

Mr. UDALL. Well, Senator, it seems to me we have a great opportunity here. We must take a lesson from the traditional way that mining and mineral exploration developed in the West, where in the early stages you went in in a very single-minded way and you took out what you wanted. If you ruined the countryside and polluted the river, that was just part of the price of progress.

Well, the modern approach is to have respect for all resources, to try to have a balanced program, and I think that we have a great opportunity here to show how to do it right. I am pleased that everyone that I have talked to, and there has been no dissent, seems to say, "Yes, we can do it this way." I think this is one thing, as Senator Hansen has suggested, that we ought to work closely with the States on, so that our goals are the same.

It would be most unfortunate if the development of oil shale resulted in pollution of streams. This resource is so rich, if we develop the right kind of economics, it can and should aspire to be a clean industry in the sense that it does a very minimum of damage to the other resource values that are present.

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Chairman, if I could interrupt for just one moment, I would just like to say in the context of your statement, Mr. Secretary, that there has just been brought to me Enrolled Joint Memorial No. 4 from the State of Wyoming that I would like to read:

ENROLLED JOINT MEMORIAL 4

JOINT MEMORIAL Expressing the sentiment of the Wyoming Legislature with regard to the development of oil shale and associated minerals in the State of Wyoming

Whereas the economic stability, prosperity, and security of the State of Wyoming, of the rocky mountain area, and of the Nation will be greatly enhanced by the industrial development of oil shale and associated minerals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Wyoming, That we recommend to Governor Stanley K. Hathaway that he appoint an oil shale advisory board which shall advise him on how best to protect the public interest in Wyoming lands and how best to stimulate and promote the development of an oil shale and associated mineral industry in the State of Wyoming.

WILLIAM S. SWANTON,
Speaker of the House.

RICHARD R. JONES,
President of the Senate.

I think this certainly attests to the firm conviction that is evident in Wyoming.

Senator Moss. Thank you.

Mr. Secretary, you discussed the likelihood that the Department would want to move on to testing nuclear energy for *in situ* retorting of oil shale, perhaps to follow the Gasbuggy project that is now underway. Have any concrete steps or arrangements or estimates been made on that as yet or is this still just in the talking stage?

Mr. UDALL. Senator, I think it is probably accurate to describe this as being in the planning, early planning stage. I think this is some-