

Senator Moss. What you are saying is that if you get the extraction method worked down to where the oil is competitive, you would shift at once to your policy of making leases for actual production.

Mr. UDALL. The lessee would be able to move to the second stage; that is right.

Senator Moss. But the limitation there is 5,120 acres to any one lessee.

I think you said that about \$15 million would be devoted to *in situ* retorting research. Is that a limiting factor or just an estimate of how much you would develop?

Mr. UDALL. No; this is an estimate, Senator. We laid out this program of Federal research and, of course, it will depend as it always does on what we can get appropriations for. But we felt that in the next 10 years the Federal Government, on its own, ought to pursue certain lines of research. I could have my people give you a presentation on this, and that we hope that we could get congressional support for research on the magnitude that we describe.

Senator Moss. If this were done in conjunction with the Atomic Energy Commission, you would expect to use some of their funds I suppose.

Mr. UDALL. Yes; in fact that amount is folded into the total that we gave you.

Senator Moss. If I remember correctly, you said earlier that there is no objection or impediment to the State moving in if it wants to block up some of its lands or put its lands into private hands in order to conduct separate experiments or make leases for production right now; is that correct?

Mr. UDALL. Yes.

Senator Moss. Well, as the others are, I am pleased that there is some action in this area. It is indeed a very thorny area which presents a lot of problems and, although we should proceed with care, I also think we ought to proceed with a degree of alacrity in getting action.

Mr. UDALL. Well, Senator, I made a conscious decision about a year ago, after my oil shale advisory board report was in and evaluated, that while I was Secretary I wanted to develop a policy, and I wanted to do it so that we could begin action on a sound basis. That is still my objective. We are not trying to create confusion or inaction. We are trying to lay the basis for real action, I can assure you.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Senator Hansen?

Senator HASEN. Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would like to ask that my statement before the Hart committee be placed in the record at this point.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, it is so ordered.
(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF SENATOR HANSEN TO THE ANTITRUST AND MONOPOLY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, U.S. SENATE, MAY 5, 1967

Mr. Chairman—and I feel that I can address you in more personal terms than that after the past several weeks of work—let me express my appreciation and the appreciation of my staff for being allowed to participate in these hearings before this Subcommittee. It has been an education for all of us. Let me thank,