

Senator Moss. Senator Hansen.

Senator HANSEN. I would like to thank you for your statement, Mr. Lynch, and to say that I share your interest in higher education. I was a member of the board of trustees of the University of Wyoming for some 17 years before I was elected Governor, and I know how deeply you feel about the needs and the requirements of higher education.

I think this demonstrates how we can have common concerns, and perhaps look at problems slightly differently. I do not mean to imply that we have any great rift in our interests, because I share yours in the desirability of keeping undespoiled, insofar as we possibly can, the area of the country in which these oil shales are situated.

I share, too, your interest in being concerned with the problems of air and water pollution. These are very serious problems.

I think, perhaps, if there is any basic difference in our philosophies, it is the contribution that I think a viable profitable industry can make and can add to a good educational program, as contrasted with what would result if that industry should not come into being.

Perhaps, I am only guessing on this, you may view the problem slightly differently there, but I think our concern is to be certain that Government gives adequate encouragement and adequate recognition to the problems of the industry, so as to assure that it will become involved in this instead of in the tar sands in Canada, or some other place where an investment could be made that conceivably could be more profitable.

You have made a good statement. Thank you, sir.

Mr. LYNCH. Thank you, sir.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Mr. Lynch, for your contribution to the record. We appreciate your pointing out to us some of the serious problems that remain to be clarified in this area with regard to mineral locations and prospecting permits. Certainly, these must be clarified and titles established; otherwise, we cannot go ahead and expect a development in this oil shale area. We appreciate your testimony and your prepared statement will be printed in full at this point.

(The statement referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF DANIEL F. LYNCH, REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Mr. Chairmen, members of the Committee, it is a pleasure for me to appear before you to express my views concerning the leasing proposals relating to oil shale lands which have been promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior, the Hon. Stewart L. Udall. It is particularly a pleasure as I have had the honor to be employed as a legislative assistant by a former member of this Committee, the Hon. John A. Carroll of Colorado.

I appear before you as an interested private citizen who has studied the problems involved in oil shale development. I appear also as an elected public official. I am a member of the Board of Regents of the University of Colorado, whose members are chosen by the people in state-wide elections. While it is true that my responsibilities as Regent do not directly involve the subject of oil shale, it is also true that the ultimate disposition of public lands bearing oil shale within the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and the Congress of the United States will profoundly affect the University and all public institutions within the State of Colorado. I need not remind this Committee that under the laws a considerable portion of the revenues derived from royalties under the provisions of the Mineral Leasing Act is reserved to the states from which the mineral resources are extracted. It is, therefore, a matter of considerable interest to me, in both my private and public capacities, what the Congress and the Executive Branch do with the vast reserves of oil shale.