

FEDERAL OIL SHALE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1967

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to recess, at 9:30 a.m., in room 3110, New Senate Office Building, Senator Frank E. Moss presiding.

Present: Senators Moss, Jackson, Allott, Fannin, and Hansen.
Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; Stewart French, chief counsel; William J. Van Ness, special assistant; and E. Lewis Reid, minority counsel.

Senator Moss (presiding). The committee will come to order.

We have some very interesting witnesses to hear today and a lot of ground to cover; so, we will begin without any further delay.

At the beginning, I want to insert into the record the interim report that was made by the Advisory Board on Oil Shale to the Secretary of the Interior which, I have discovered, has not been placed in this hearing record. In order to make it a more complete document and to understand more fully the problems we are discussing, I think that the interim report should be placed in the record.

In addition to that, I would like to place in the record an article that was prepared by H. Byron Mock, a member of that Advisory Board, who is an attorney. This article appeared in the Denver Law Review and discusses the way this matter was considered by the Advisory Board and gives some enlightenment and background, and the reasons for the various views that were expressed.

As is generally known, the Board was far from being unanimous in its recommendations, and this, it seems to me, is explanatory and helpful in that regard.

With these in the hearing record, it will be more complete and useful to the committee and any others who study the record.

In addition, I have a letter that has been sent to the chairman of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs by Senator Proxmire, which is an expression of opinion and a comment on the matter before the committee which will also be made a part of the record.

(The data referred to follows:)

INTERIM REPORT OF THE OIL SHALE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, FEBRUARY 1, 1965

I. INTRODUCTION

On June 30, 1964, Interior Secretary Udall announced the appointment of an Oil Shale Advisory Board to analyze the problems associated with development of oil shale deposits on Federally owned lands. In establishing this Board, the Secretary pointed out that "If the national interest is to be served, and this