

in seeing that a greater number of Americans can understand some of the intricate and complicated problems that come into the area of administration of our public land laws.

I would like also to say that he is a very distinguished and interested citizen in the West, and for that we are again grateful.

Thank you very much, Mr. Mock.

Mr. Mock. Thank you, Senator.

Senator Moss. Thank you, Senator Hansen.

I echo the sentiments of my colleagues on this committee. Mr. Mock certainly is one of the best informed in this field of law pertaining to our resources in the West. His public service, when he has been called upon to serve on the Land Law Review Commission and the Oil Shale Advisory Board and other assignments, have all been discharged with great distinction. We appreciate your coming, and I ask your pardon for asking you impromptu to come up and testify. But I knew that you could add to our record a great deal with your comment, which you have done.

I am very pleased that you would do this for us. Thank you very much.

Mr. Mock. Thank you very much, Senator.

Senator Moss. That completes our witnesses. Is there anybody that we did overlook inadvertently or otherwise? These are all I have on the list.

As I indicated before, the record will remain open for 10 days, so if there is other information that should go into this record it will be submitted to this committee, and we will place it in the record following my remarks if it is on the subject and deals with the general problem we have, whether it is pro or con or any other point of view.

We are anxious to have before us all the information that we can gather so that the committee may address itself to this problem of the regulations that have been proposed by the Secretary.

(The data referred to follows:)

STATEMENT OF MR. J. R. FREEMAN, EDITOR, THE FARMER AND MINER NEWSPAPER, FREDERICK, COLO.

(Committee note: Mr. J. R. Freeman, Editor of the Farmer and Miner Newspaper, Frederick, Colorado was scheduled to testify before the Committee on Friday, September 15, 1967. Due to previous engagements, Mr. Freeman was not available to testify in person and his testimony was submitted for the hearing record. As a consequence, no opportunity was afforded to the members of the Committee to question Mr. Freeman or to seek documentation of allegations contained in his statement. The Committee invites Mr. Freeman to appear before the Committee at a mutually convenient time to elaborate upon his statement and to offer any additional testimony he may have on the development of oil shale.)

I. INTRODUCTION

Chairman Jackson and Honorable members of this very important Senate Committee: My name is J. R. Freeman. I am the editor and co-publisher of the Farmer and Miner Newspaper of Frederick, Colorado, located in the Congressional District in which the Colorado oil shale lands are situated. The Farmer and Miner is about the smallest weekly newspaper in this country, but its voice on oil shale has been heard in many parts of the nation.

I wish to thank Chairman Jackson for affording me, as editor of the Farmer and Miner, the opportunity to appear and testify on oil shale matters. I am delighted to appear before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to present information on oil shale and on the proposed oil shale leasing and ex-