

which it—its functions have grown into building levees and building reservoirs, and it is into the recreation area now. The Corps of Engineers has more recreational days that is spent on its waters than any other water agency in the Federal Government, you see, and yet we think of it sitting over there in the Department of the Army, something which was not supposed to be for recreation I do not believe. It has grown into a full-bloom water agency, and this is proper, because water can be used for many things, not just for transportation and not just to control floods, but to supply cities, and so on.

We had an instance of this very recently, of the conflict that arises, in my own State.

The Bureau of Reclamation is building the central Utah project out there, to bring water from the Colorado basin into the great basin. For a number of years, the city of Salt Lake has talked about a reservoir in the mountains above the city for flood control, one, but really more important for water supply.

Well, the Corps of Engineers got in on that one, because of the flood control part of it.

So, when they made the announcement of the proposal to build the dam there to control the floods and to bring water to the city, the Bureau of Reclamation came up and said, "We do not want to do that." ~~because of the Department of Natural Resources~~ sometime far back before it ever got that far along, obviously.

Now, that is just one little minute element of conflict. I think you can find it all through the thing.

One other thing you mentioned, about the structure of the committees of Congress on this thing.

It is a fact that we have been treating the Forest Service appropriations in with Interior for a long time in the Appropriations Committee, even though they are in two separate departments, because they are on the same subject matter, and therefore we have been a little more logical than the executive department here in the Congress in our structure.

I certainly appreciate your testimony, Senator.

Senator RIBICOFF. Thank you very much, Senator Kennedy.

Senator KENNEDY. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

(At Senator Ribicoff's previous instruction, the prepared statement submitted by Senator Gale McGee is incorporated into the record at this point and is as follows:)