

me about bureaucracy that I learned from agencies and departments in education, and if any segment of HEW is afraid to take this on, I think they have quite a lot of nerve to tell everybody else how to run their own affairs if they have fear in tackling a tough problem.

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short end of the stick in a very bad way in terms of resources.

Senator RIBICOFF. I do not think that either Senator Moss or I, or anyone else, is advocating taking the Indian Bureau out of Interior. I think the only concern that I have—I do not know about Senator Moss or Senator Hansen—is the education function. I would never want to see the Indian Bureau taken away from Interior or the Department of Natural Resources. I am just thinking of trying to upgrade education as we did health. That is what I have in mind.

Secretary UDALL. The point I am trying to make is that, when it comes to Indian resources, for example, when it comes to water rights, and so on, my Department is the Department that has the primary responsibilities. Water for development purpose is oftentimes extremely vital. In having someone who will champion them in court and in the battles with others who want water in some parts of the country, it is absolutely vital that you have someone who is there and who is going to see that the Indians are not last but that they are first in terms of what is done. This is the way that we conceive of our responsibilities today.

Well, having said that, Senator, I did want to make my own personal views, on the basis of my own experience, clear with regard to

Senator HANSEN. Well, first, let me compliment you, Mr. Secretary, on your observations here.

I have not yet had a chance to read your prepared statement. I certainly have been most interested in what you have said here in