

RIVERTON EXTENSION UNIT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1967

U.S. SENATE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND POWER RESOURCES OF
THE COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met, pursuant to notice, at 10 a.m., in room 3110, New Senate Office Building, Senator Clinton P. Anderson, chairman of the subcommittee, presiding.

Present: Senators Anderson, Moss, Jordan of Idaho, Hansen, Fannin, and Hatfield.

Senator ANDERSON. The hearing will come to order.

The hearing this morning is for the purpose of receiving testimony on S. 670, a bill introduced by Senator McGee and cosponsored by Senator Hansen to reauthorize the Riverton extension unit, Missouri River Basin project, to include therein the entire Riverton Federal reclamation project, and for other purposes.

The Riverton project has been before this committee several times. Hearings have been held in Wyoming and in Washington, D.C. These were for the purpose of permitting the Secretary of the Interior to continue to deliver water to lands in the third division during 1960, 1961, 1962, and 1963. These attempts to irrigate the third division were unsuccessful and culminated in relief legislation in 1964 under which the Federal Government subsequently purchased the lands of the third division.

These lands were reclaimed to afford relief from the serious financial and production problems the landowners experienced in the third division. S. 670 is an attempt to rectify these problems by providing the means for the Secretary to dispose of the lands so as to allow progress in the economic development of these lands.

I hope that the testimony presented here will resolve the important issues and satisfy all concerned.

Before proceeding with the witnesses, a copy of the bill and the reports from the Department of the Interior and the Bureau of the Budget will be placed in the record at this point.

(The data referred to follow:)

[S. 670, 90th Cong., first sess.]

A BILL To reauthorize the Riverton extension unit, Missouri River Basin project, to include therein the entire Riverton Federal reclamation project, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the general plan for the Riverton extension unit, Missouri River Basin project, heretofore authorized under section 9