

job and to do all of the things necessary in order to successfully operate a farm, I think we would have had a different story before.

With the standing investment that the Federal Government has in these lands, I will just say that I think, with the interest of the State of Wyoming and with the knowledge and the interest of the people out there, that we can make a go of this whole project.

I think, also, later on, as the representatives of the Bureau become concerned, they will present some figures that relate to the benefit-cost ratio.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I appreciate very much our Governor appearing here today and making a very worthwhile contribution toward a better understanding on the part of this committee and the Government to a rather complicated problem.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator Fannin?

Senator FANNIN. I did not have the opportunity to hear the Governor make his statement, but I will read it.

Thank you.

Senator ANDERSON. My concern is that it seems to me that we have had three or four proposals on this Riverton project in the past several years. Do you propose to take the money from other projects and dams to build the Riverton project?

Governor HATHAWAY. My understanding in this is that the only project that did not share in this revenues is this one. We do not think that is fair, since we contribute a great amount of water to the Missouri River Basin system and since we contribute 38 percent to the reclamation program in other ways.

Senator ANDERSON. You mean that 37.5 percent goes back to the State?

Governor HATHAWAY. 38 percent of it comes from minerals which is contributed by the State of Wyoming.

Senator ANDERSON. I have no further questions. Thank you very much.

Governor HATHAWAY. Thank you very much.

Senator ANDERSON. We will next hear from my colleague, Senator McGee.

You may proceed in your own way.

STATEMENT OF HON. GALE MCGEE, A U.S. SENATOR FROM THE STATE OF WYOMING

Senator MCGEE. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am going to be deliberately unorthodox this morning. The committee will sense that quickly, when I mention that the Wyoming delegation present here for this hearing this morning are all very close to us in Wyoming. In some instances there is a practice before committees that when you have a delegation from your home State you make a long speech in order to impress them with your knowledge of the problem that the committee is considering. To my mind, this is not necessary today. I have here a very eloquent statement that my research staff has prepared for me, but I am not going to take the time of the committee to present it in order that I be able to impress my constituents with what