

Senator ANDERSON. I think I am correct in saying that the project was one that brought farmers out there who did not know how to irrigate.

Senator McGEE. Yes, from other sections of the country. We had settlers on the third division who were not familiar with the west who knew nothing about irrigation in Wyoming, and this proved to be one of the major problems.

Senator ANDERSON. I have no further questions.

Senator JORDAN?

Senator JORDAN. I have been privileged to hear qualifications of the settlers on the Riverton project, and with this I take no issue. I do know that some are exceptional farmers. I know what is required to make a living on these reclamation projects, especially under limitations. I am concerned with section 4 of the bill which says:

The limitation of lands held in beneficial ownership within the unit by any one owner, which are eligible to receive project water from, through, or by means of project works, shall be 160 acres of class 1 land or the equivalent thereof in other land classes as determined by the Secretary.

Now, you are telling us that these same people who have been there in the first and second divisions of the Riverton project are now to move in and make a go of this third division. Under what land limitation would they be going into this?

Are we to say that they are entitled to another 160 acres over what they presently own?

Senator McGEE. I will have to ask the people here from the delegation.

There is a formula that has been worked out that would allow for this development. For example, the formula that would make a different allocation in regard to class 2 or class 5 lands.

Senator JORDAN. I understand that. But are these men who are presently getting project water from the Riverton project entitled to an additional amount?

Senator McGEE. Do you mean would they have another 160 acres of the third division?

Mr. DOMINY. May I comment?

Senator JORDAN. Yes.

Mr. DOMINY. This is my attorney.

Senator McGEE. No, this is my attorney, if I may introduce him.

Mr. DOMINY. This bill would allow the acreage limitation to be modified to be 160-acre class 1 equivalent that would mean that the class 2 productivity on the Riverton project is only 67 percent of the class 1. So, you would allow that much additional acreage of class 2.

Senator McGEE. Can a man with 160 acres in the second division get 160 acres or equivalent in the third division? That is the question.

Mr. DOMINY. I was coming to that. The class 3 has 50 percent and the class 4 only 25 percent equivalent to class 1.

The whole project has been reclassified, both Midvale, which is the only first and second divisions of the Riverton project, and the third division land that the Senator referred to here, the 8,000-plus. So, we have a firm figure as to the land classification based on that.

Senator ANDERSON. Will you answer the question?

Mr. DOMINY. The answer is "No." He cannot have 160 acres on the Midvale and 160 acres on the third division.