

light than it has been in the past in that particular area. There is a great deal of difference between those who operate on the Midvale project and those who started out on the Riverton project. I do know that the Riverton third project was started in the early 1940's by Senator O'Mahoney and then Congressman Burr, who became U.S. Senator. It was started for the purpose of taking care of many of our veterans who came back from overseas in World War II, and when these veterans first went on the project, many of them made a great deal of money, because they were able to grow alfalfa seed and other products. However, these veterans, coming from different parts of the country, did not have any experience at all with irrigation or the proper handling of those lands. It is my feeling that those lands that did go back over the years did go bad because of the combination of poor management, inexperience, and improper drainage. We have learned lessons from past experience; that is, in the third division.

I think that through these lessons and experience, that situation will not creep in again. I think, in order to make this land productive—to go back into private ownership where taxes will be paid—that legislation should be passed; such as S. 670, to authorize the inclusion within the Midvale District the lands which are now held by the Bureau of Reclamation in the third division.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you very much.

Senator JORDAN?

Senator JORDAN. I have no questions. That is a very good statement, and I appreciate it.

Senator ANDERSON. Senator Hansen?

Senator HANSEN. I would like to thank my colleague for his excellent statement here today and also for his joining with me in arranging the tour early this fall when we were able to be on the project, including the third division, and to have the representatives from the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of the Budget with us. I am confident, because of your interest and your participation in this, that more people have a clearer understanding of the problems and of the potential of this area than otherwise would have been the case. I know you have been taken away from your duties that are very pressing in the House this morning in order to be here, and I apologize for my verbosity which has kept you away from some other work.

Mr. HARRISON. You are very kind. I assure you that it has been a pleasure to be here, because this is an important piece of legislation, and I am very hopeful that your committee will find a way to approve it, so that the situation now existing can be corrected.

Senator ANDERSON. Thank you very much.

We will next hear from Mr. Dominy, Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation.

Mr. DOMINY. Mr. Chairman, and members of the subcommittee, with your permission, I will bring Mr. Langley and Mr. Kober to the table with me and we will put up a map so we will have that before us.

I understand that we have a problem, in that someone else wants to catch a plane with Governor Hathaway. Perhaps, you would favor him with his testimony over my testimony under the circumstances.

Senator ANDERSON. That will be all right.