

Senator JORDAN. While we are on the subject, Commissioner, is this the only project, as has been stated here, in the Missouri River Basin that does not share in the power revenues beyond the ability to irrigate?

Mr. DOMINY. There are some other projects built prior to the 1944 Flood Control Act that are not included, nor do they need to be, because the repayment arrangements are adequate under the original laws. The third division could have been built under the Missouri River Basin project, because it was authorized that way, but it was also authorized as a part of the original Riverton project and, actually, the way that we sought the money from the Congress, it was never included into the Missouri River Basin, so that even the third division at the moment does not come under that Missouri River Basin authority.

Senator JORDAN. The first and second divisions come under the Missouri River Basin project?

Mr. DOMINY. No, sir. This would put them all under it.

Senator JORDAN. The first, second, and third divisions?

Mr. DOMINY. It would put them under the act.

Senator ANDERSON. That is one of the purposes of the bill.

Mr. DOMINY. That is one of the main purposes of the bill. It would reauthorize the entire project as a unit of the Missouri River Basin project for payout purposes, and give it the same privileges as any of the other Missouri River Basin project units.

Senator ANDERSON. It would seem to change the reclamation concept, all the way through.

Mr. DOMINY. It would change the repayment concepts for the Midvale Irrigation District—it would change the payout for the entire Missouri River Basin project, but we can show that this can be incorporated within the payout of the Missouri River Basin with power revenues available.

Senator ANDERSON. Has this been made a part of your report?

Mr. DOMINY. We can accommodate this additional burden within the payout as laid down by the acts of Congress; yes, sir.

Senator ANDERSON. The first and second divisions would be covered by this?

Mr. DOMINY. The first and second divisions have their problems, too, and have had them over the years. They have had mandatory contracts, because they could not meet the terms of the original one. I think they have done extremely well under the circumstances.

Senator ANDERSON. I know that they have.

Mr. DOMINY. We need some adjustments to give them the ultimate opportunity for even a greater success. And this is what this package is all about.

Senator ANDERSON. Is all of the land in the Riverton project involved?

Mr. DOMINY. Yes, sir.

The Secretary would be authorized to supersede the several existing repayment contracts of the Midvale Irrigation District with a single 50-year repayment contract.

This is on the same basis that all new projects on the Missouri River Basin project have been operated.

Construction costs assignable to lands classified as permanently