

them demonstrate the change and convert slowly as demonstrated success proves we should move. These grazing lands are in that same category. They should supplement the irrigated land in this livestock economy.

Senator HANSEN. As I understand you, Mr. Langley, aside from the minerals which I understand you to say have been retained by the tribes, it is the position of the Bureau that the Indians have no right, title, et cetera, to the land at all?

Mr. LANGLEY. This is correct. We have reviewed this thoroughly. The office of the Department's solicitor concurs in this. We addressed a letter to this committee on that subject dated October 24, 1966.

Senator HANSEN. I wonder if I may suggest, Mr. Langley, this: I am familiar with the position that has been made and the claim that has been made. I think, though, that this wire that I have, to which we have been referring, is somewhat different.

Do not think now in terms of the contentions made by this gentleman—I assume you were doing this—that you were addressing yourself to this wire from the tribes—do I understand you to say that it is the Bureau's position that the tribes, in addition to any right that this gentleman may have had, have no right excepting as to the mineral rights?

Mr. LANGLEY. That is correct, sir. The tribes' representative came in and met with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Solicitor's office on several occasions, and we examined this in some detail. That is our position.

Senator HANSEN. I do not think that I have anything else, Mr. Chairman. I will appreciate, as I am sure the other members of the committee will, the information you have mentioned which would be helpful to us, that is, an allocation of the costs as to the investment which has been made and how much would be lost and what the benefits would be.

Mr. DOMINY. We will work up that statement broken down by first and second and third divisions and give it to the committee very promptly.

Senator HANSEN. Thank you very much.

May I just say, too, that I would like to tell you how much I appreciate your cooperation. I do not need to tell the members of this committee that Mr. Dominy has been a graduate of the University of Wyoming. He understands our problems and our difficulties out there very well. We consider ourselves fortunate to have a man with your background occupying the very important post that you do occupy. We appreciate the work of all of you and the great help that all of you people have given us.

Mr. DOMINY. Thank you.

Senator ANDERSON. What was the citation that you gave as to the handling of the situation on the water?

Mr. DOMINY. It is under section 9 of the Reclamation Project Act of August 4, 1939.

Senator ANDERSON. What is the other one—I am trying to get the reference to it? The law stated 1964, 1965, and 1966. How did you do it in 1967? By what authority?

Mr. LANGLEY. Section 2 of the March 10, 1964 act provides that the Secretary—