

STATEMENT OF DONALD WHITE, ATTORNEY FOR MIDVALE; ACCOMPANIED BY FRED ANGLIN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE MIDVALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT; CARL WELTY, MEMBER OF THE BOARD; EDWARD L. BOGACZ, MEMBER OF THE BOARD; ROY REID, PROJECT MANAGER; AND GIDEON W. DAVISON, PRESIDENT, COTTONWOOD BENCH ASSOCIATION, RIVERTON, WYO.—Resumed

Mr. WHITE. That is correct, Senator.

Senator HANSEN. Mr. Don White, attorney for Midvale. You may proceed.

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Chairman, if I may, I would like to state that we have some color slides that we had brought with us of the Riverton reclamation project, showing some of the canal system and the irrigation system, the structures, the diversion dam, and some of the crops in the process of being grown on the project that may be of benefit to the committee, and we would like at this time to introduce those colored slides into the record, for the committee's use, rather than show them at this time, if we may.

Senator HANSEN. Without objection, they will be received.

(The colored slides above referred to will be found in the files of the subcommittee.)

Mr. WHITE. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Donald P. White. I am a practicing attorney in Riverton, Wyo. I have been counsel for the Midvale Irrigation District since August of 1962.

S. 670 is a comprehensive bill which, we believe, offers a solution to the problems existing on the Riverton reclamation project. The Midvale Irrigation District supports the entire bill but it may be helpful to this committee to know how the district views each section of the proposed legislation.

Section 1 of the bill would reauthorize the entire Riverton Federal reclamation project as a unit of the Missouri River Basin project. This would permit the consolidated project to be placed under one contracting organization, the Midvale Irrigation District, now administering the first two divisions. Midvale would absorb the lands of the third division and would assume operation and maintenance responsibilities for the entire project. The simplicity of administration, the economy and efficiency gained and other advantages are obvious in having one contracting organization for the entire project.

The Midvale Irrigation District can assume the additional responsibilities of administration, operating and maintaining additional lands without greatly increasing the total cost of operation of the district. Fixed costs, such as depreciation, will increase very little with the additional workload that Midvale would assume, because these fixed costs will be spread over more acres, thereby benefiting all the farmers involved.

Midvale has handled the operation and maintenance of the third division for the past 2 years under contract with the Bureau of Reclamation. The arrangement has been successful. The district has proved its ability to successfully deliver water to the third division