

problems involved and the potential development afforded in this proposed legislation."

And in the interest of brevity, Mr. Chairman, I am going to defer reading the balance of those, because they are in the report of the Natural Resource Board of the State of Wyoming.

In June of this year, I introduced a bill which would give the District Court of the United States for the District of Wyoming original jurisdiction of civil actions filed on behalf of veteran entrymen and their heirs who own farms on the Third Division Irrigation District.

The purpose of this bill would be to permit those owners to file suit in tort or contract for the recovering of any damages which may have been the result of misrepresentation given to them about the classification of the land on the third division.

Since introducing that bill, I have been requested by entrymen on the Midvale District to be included in it. I have no objections to broadening the provisions of my bill, S. 982. It is likely that it can be proven that some of the entrymen did not get lands equal to the lands which were represented to them as being on the Riverton reclamation project.

I am grateful to the subcommittee for holding these early hearings, and for giving consideration to the problems we, in Wyoming, experience. I am hopeful that a solution can be reached which will be satisfactory to all those concerned. I do not feel that it is fair to condemn the whole of the Riverton project because some of the lands have gone sour.

With the proper corrective measures that can be made, lands that have proven their productivity and lands that can be retained from becoming unproductive, this vital resource can continue to serve as an important economic factor in the future growth of the Riverton area.

Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

Senator HANSEN. I would also ask that there be included in the record the following insertions that were introduced by Senator Simpson at that same time.

I am referring to the hearings on S. 2035 before the 88th Congress on October 29 and 30. I ask first that a letter to Senator Henry Jackson, chairman of the Senate Interior Subcommittee from Dr. W. R. Lansing, who was then president of the Riverton Chamber of Commerce, be inserted, that my letter written as Governor to the Honorable Henry M. Jackson be inserted, that the observations and recommendations on proposed legislation H.R. 8171 (S. 2035) Riverton project by the Wyoming Natural Resources Board be included and that is all. I think this will tend to make more complete the position taken by Senator Simpson, by the then Governor of Wyoming, and by the president of the Riverton Chamber of Commerce.

(The documents referred to follow:)

RIVERTON, WYO., October 28, 1963.

Senator HENRY JACKSON,
Chairman of the Senate Interior Subcommittee,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.:

After a careful consideration of the various bills, weighed against many years of firsthand experience with the Riverton project agriculture, the Riverton Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the positive approach to Wyoming agricultural development and stands in general support of the goals in Senate bill 2032 and the companion House bill 8171. The negative approach challenges the future of all reclamation developments in the West. We urge your support for Senate bill 2035 and for House bill 8171 and the future development of the West's agricultural resources.

Dr. W. R. LANSING,
President, Chamber of Commerce, Riverton, Wyo.