

leasing them, my written statement said I had been using them for 23 years.

Senator HANSEN. Are there any further statements to be made before the hearing is closed?

Let me say that we hope to have transcripts of this hearing available by tomorrow forenoon. There has been quite a bit of testimony taken and I appreciate the burden that may be imposed on our reporter here, but we would hope that maybe by tomorrow forenoon sometime transcripts of the hearing might be available.

I say this in case those who have testified would like to read over the testimony as it has been taken by the reporter. Sometimes inadvertently there may be an error or a misstatement, and you will thus be given the opportunity tomorrow morning, if you feel that this may have been the case.

It is not obligatory, of course, that you look over the testimony, but you do have the opportunity to look it over and make such changes as would accurately reflect what you meant to say, if the record does not so have you recorded.

Before closing the hearing, there are some letters for insertion in the record and any additional letters or statements received will also be printed at this point.

(The letters referred to follow:)

SHOSHONI, WYO., November 26, 1967.

HON. CLINTON P. ANDERSON,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Irrigation and Reclamation,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR ANDERSON: As a land owner of irrigated lands within the Midvale Irrigation District of Riverton Project, Wyoming, I would like to go on record as being opposed to the bill—S-670, on which your committee has scheduled hearings for November 30.

I do not think the bill which would reauthorize the Riverton Project as a unit of the Missouri River Basin Project is in the best interest of Midvale District land owners, nor to many other irrigator-land owners in this area who would be effected by the legislation without any recourse at the ballot box. Midvale District owners have not been permitted to express their opinions by vote, with a full knowledge of implications of the bill.

I do agree that there is need for much structural replacement of the various concrete structures over the project, and that the canals and laterals need permanent linings to stop leakage and seepage at the source. I am, therefore, submitting a copy of a proposal for the relief of the Midvale District water users and other purposes. That, I understand, has been under consideration by members of the House committee on Irrigation and Reclamation. I believe enactment of the alternative proposal would be most beneficial to the reclamation bureau in obtaining "new" starts of other proposed projects, as well as to the irrigators in Fremont County, Wyoming.

Your consideration and attention in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A. C. "DICK" TRAWEEK.

AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR S. 670

A BILL For the relief of the land owners and water users of Midvale Irrigation District, Riverton Project, Riverton, Wyoming, and for other purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and hereby directed to cancel all existing repayment contracts between the Federal Government and the Midvale Irrigation District, and transfer ownership of the works to the Midvale Irrigation District; and (a) transfer to the Midvale