

Almost my entire professional career has been in the service of the Department of the Interior. Before joining the legal staff of the Bureau of Reclamation in January 1944 I spent 1 year with the Office of Price Administration.

Within the Department I came through the ranks, serving first as an attorney and later as an assistant chief counsel in the Bureau of Reclamation. When all agency legal staffs were consolidated in 1954, I became Assistant Solicitor for Power, and in 1961 I became Associate Solicitor for Water and Power. In 1963 I succeeded the late Edward Fisher as Deputy Solicitor.

I am admitted to practice law in the State of Wisconsin, the District of Columbia, and before the Supreme Court of the United States. I am a member of the Federal Bar Association.

In my career in the Department of the Interior I have served in a legal capacity under every Secretary of the Interior beginning with Harold L. Ickes in 1944. This includes both Republican and Democratic administrations.

It has been my effort to advise my client agencies upon the legal problems within my sphere of responsibility fairly, honestly, and to the best of my ability.

As a career attorney I have endeavored to carry out the policies of the Secretaries under whom I have served with loyalty and fidelity. Through my service in the Department, I have developed a deep and abiding interest in resource development and conservation.

The Department now is truly national in scope and faces a new challenge in making America a better place to live and work. I am proud to have had a role in its great programs of reclamation and resource development and I hope that with the approval of this committee and the Senate I may continue to serve our Nation.

That concludes my statement and I shall be glad to attempt to answer any questions you may have.

Senator Moss. Thank you.

May I echo the statements of the chairman about the fine relationship that we have had in this committee with you during the time that you have been serving in the Department of the Interior. You have indeed always responded and assisted this committee in every way possible. I would like to add my words of congratulations to you and to the administration for your nomination to this very important office. I know of no one that would be better qualified to take over the position.

Indeed the Department has grown. We just got the press release that you are going to have a new seal now because the old buffalo no longer depicts the Department of the Interior. Although I am not sure I understand that new one—I have been puzzling about it—I guess that is the price of progress. We must learn to read new marks on the wall.

Mr. WEINBERG. I have a little trouble with that. It is the new symbolism and we have to learn a lot of new symbols now.

Senator Moss. I have had a number of occasions to visit with you on problems as they have come up. I would like to ask you a few questions this morning on the problem of land selection. I have been quite