

Senator JORDAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to have my colleague endorse the review board amendment which he did promptly when it was presented in the Senate, and we stand together on that. I was the author of it and I think it is essential to any legislation in this area.

Mr. TAYLOR. Thank you very much.

Mr. McCLURE. Mr. Chairman, could I just add one or two other things?

Mr. TAYLOR. The gentleman from Idaho.

Mr. McCLURE. First, I wish to express my thanks to Senator Church for bringing that point out, because I think that is a very important point to be emphasized before this committee.

I also want to comment concerning the statement Senator Jordan made about the water shortage within the Snake River Basin. While I realize that we are not talking about the Snake River directly, nevertheless the impact of water resource development within the region does have a bearing here before us today, and the fact that the Salmon River Basin is immediately adjacent to the Snake River Basin is a matter of great concern to people in southern Idaho.

Now, I know that our friends in California assure us throughout all of our various considerations of water resource development that they have no desire to take water that we can put to use within our State. I have before me the Idaho Daily Statesman of Saturday, February 24, 1968, in which the California Public Works Director, Samuel B. Nelson, was quoted as having said in Coronado, Calif., that he again endorsed the plan to divert water from the Snake River in Idaho, and that of course is headlined in my capital city.

I want to underline the statement that was made by Senator Jordan here, that the studies by the Bureau of Reclamation and any other independent agency that has ever made these studies will indicate that the Snake River Basin is in an area of potential water deficit, and not an area of water surplus. I think we need to emphasize and re-emphasize this fact in the hopes that our friends in California, in their desperation for water, will learn to look somewhere where there is water instead of where there is not.

Mr. JOHNSON. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. McCLURE. I will be happy to yield.

Mr. JOHNSON. I believe the gentleman sat with the Subcommittee on Irrigation and Reclamation when we were considering the Colorado River legislation, and I think you should be satisfied that Mr. Nelson might be talking about something in the future, but at present at least the legislation as perfected in the subcommittee does not seek water from the Snake River.

Mr. TAYLOR. This legislation doesn't solve that problem.

Mr. McCLURE. It bears on it, however, Mr. Chairman, because the fact that we are willing to commit segments of our rivers to the recreational purposes encompassed by this legislation should not be taken by the people of California or any other area as being a statement that these are waters in which the State has no other interest.

I think this is emphasized by the fact that the main stem of the Salmon is being placed in the study section where we may study the interrelationship between this basin and the Snake River Basin in the south. That is my point in bringing it up at this time.