

SECTION 2. That the Congress of the United States, in view of the foregoing, be and hereby is respectfully advised of our opposition to Federal reclamation legislation now pending before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on the grounds that such legislation is unnecessary under present conditions.

SECTION 3. That duly authenticated copies of this Resolution be forwarded to all members of the Oklahoma delegation in Congress, to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and to Mr. Ward Padgett, Chief Mine Inspector of the State of Oklahoma.

Mr. PADGETT. Oklahoma surface-mining operators met April 24 and registered their support for the State's Open Cut Land Reclamation Act and their opposition to Federal reclamation legislation.

Therefore, on behalf of the State of Oklahoma and of the mining industry of our State, we wish to go on record as opposing Federal reclamation legislation because we feel very strongly that the problems of surface mining and reclamation can be handled far more capably at the State level.

Thank you.

Senator BURDICK. Do you have any reclamation act governing strip mining in Oklahoma?

Mr. PADGETT. Yes, sir. It became effective the first of this year.

Senator BURDICK. Then you don't have any experience to testify to?

Mr. PADGETT. No, sir. It has just begun to take shape and time will tell.

Senator BURDICK. We are going to recess now until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Are there any witnesses who would like to leave a prepared statement at this time? You have a perfect right to testify tomorrow, of course. It is unfortunate that some could not be heard today. We are very sorry about that.

(The statements referred to follow:)

STATEMENT OF FRANK C. WACHTER, VICE PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA
GLASS SAND CORP.

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Committee: My name is Frank C. Wachter. I am Vice President of the Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp., of Hancock, West Virginia. This statement is presented in behalf of the National Industrial Sand Association of which my corporation is a member and of which I am Chairman of its Public Relations Committee. The National Industrial Sand Association, which represents the industrial sand industry in the United States, finds the proposed "Surface Mining Reclamation Act of 1968" of direct interest and importance to our industry.

I wish to call to your attention the fact that the industrial sand industry was *not* considered by the U.S. Department of the Interior in its study, "Surface Mining and Our Environment." Apparently the reason for omitting our industry from their report and statistical data was because our annual production is considerably lower than most mining industries, namely, 26,360,000 short tons produced in 1966 (Bureau of Mines, 1966 "Minerals Yearbook") and the fact that individual industrial sand operations are conducted at specific single and small locations and in some cases, for more than one hundred years, disturbing but little of the earth's surface annually. Our industry mines and processes a mineral of limited occurrence that is a necessity for the manufacture of countless diversity of products consumed by our country in both peace and war. Its necessity is so great that it received one of the top government priorities in World War II and the Korean War.

Our industry is indeed reclamation conscious. The National Industrial Sand Association's Committee on Public Relations recently completed the publication and distribution of its first reclamation research report, entitled: "Shaping the Land—Planned Use of Industrial Sand Deposits." Copies of this publication were forwarded to the members of this Committee prior to this hearing.