

being the Blue Ridge Reservoir, a beautiful reservoir created in a water exchange.

This is common practice which has extended over the years. The Roosevelt Dam was the first major project under the Reclamation Act of 1940. The reason it could be built and projected as a paying proposition was the existence of the mines which would use the power it generated. I would point out further, sir, that the mining industry of Arizona reclaims and reuses 8 out of 10 gallons of water.

Now, I would like to say the reason we do this is we are such good citizens. Actually, sir, it is that we are very selfish. It costs us about a third as much, I think, to reuse water as it does to generate new water, so we are actively conservation minded.

Senator FANNIN. I know too that the Salt River project entered into a beautification program working with the communities, with the counties, and the State. It is something that is very much needed and I hope will be continued.

Mr. PELOW. Yes, sir; we do.

Senator FANNIN. That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Senator METCALF. Thank you, Mr. Peplow. I can recall that when I was growing up the Anaconda Co. polluted the streams in and around the copper mines of Butte, reaching out about 35 miles, clear down to the confluence of the Clarks Fork River. Then someone came along and, as you recall that story, found out that the tin cans thrown in the river came out coated with copper and they decided that they would recover all that effluent that went into the river. I read the other day in the paper that a boy caught an 8-pound trout in the city of Anaconda. But the Anaconda Co. also, as a result of their efforts which are very admirable, has made a profit out of recovering some of that copper.

The same was true, of course, of the spoil. When I was growing up in Montana you couldn't grow a flower or blade of grass in Butte, Mont. Now, after recovery processes, it has become one of the garden cities of the State. The Anaconda Co. is now in the fertilizer business and one of its largest producers and making a profit out of the recovery that they have. This business of reclamation and restoration isn't always an added cost. Sometimes it comes back in dividends as well as in an esthetic appreciation. I know that many of the problems of reclamation have been cured and voluntary efforts are, of course, commendable. I join with my friend from Arizona in appreciating your testimony.

Mr. PELOW. Thank you very much, sir. Thank you, Senator.

Senator METCALF. The next witness is Mr. William Waugaman, who is director of the Alaska Miners Association and a State senator from Alaska. Mr. Waugaman, Senator Gruening, our colleague, is the chairman of the Subcommittee on Minerals, Materials, and Fuels of this committee and he had to be out of town. He regrets very much not being able to greet you and listen to your testimony. He is interested and concerned and he informed me that he is a long-time friend of yours. He did want to present you to the committee, so on his behalf and on our behalf we welcome you to the committee.