

Why should the taxpayers of the United States be paying \$500 million to help restore the water table for a great corporation that didn't have the intelligence to manage that water and not reduce it so far? It is a wasteful use of that water resource which doesn't belong to that corporation because that water table is a vast water table for hundreds of miles. So when you get into this kind of thing, I think you have got to have some regulations on the use of that underground water. It is a national resource, not a resource of one individual powerful corporation which then can have itself saved by the taxpayers of America diverting the Sacramento River at a cost of a half billion dollars to help restore the water table.

Mr. MARSHALL. My point, as I said, if we would have done something earlier, if we would have done something early, those people would not have sold this land in many cases to these corporations. We are just about 20 years late but at least let's do something now, let's not wait another 20 years or we will have corporate farming. Let's help them now, the individual farm. Give it all the help we can in order that it can combat the change and will not be enticed to give up, sell and go to the city and so on. This is my point. Let's stop this movement to the large city at least of our more capable young people.

O. E. Baker, a former Wisconsinite, said the country sends to the city food, fiber, and children, three things, and they send the best, the best products of all three. This is unfortunate that we educate them and then they leave never to return. I have often said this many times, when they come back to retire they already spent all their money in the city and come back to retire in the small community and even on the farm. I am not saying we shouldn't have legislation necessarily, we need it to protect our resource, there we probably need legislation. It is already too late in some areas.

Senator NELSON. I want to thank you very much, Professor Marshall, for your contribution.

Our next witness is Rev. Father Joseph Braig, representing the National Catholic Rural Life Conference of Madison, Wis.

Father, we appreciate your coming here this morning. Do you have a prepared statement?

Reverend BRAIG. I have a very brief prepared statement.

Senator NELSON. Please proceed.

**STATEMENT OF REV. JOSEPH U. BRAIG, NATIONAL CATHOLIC
RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE, MADISON, WIS.**

Reverend BRAIG. I would like, in the first place, nationally to thank the Senator for the privilege of appearing here, also to thank my friend Dr. Marshall for his generous offer to accompany him. I must insist, though, however, that if he continues with his work of preaching that it is quite all right, but I will go home and take his place with his wife, Lillian.

I am also happy to be here in the courtroom, a courtroom that I can leave with the same number of driving points that I walked in to.

And if I don't strike oil very, very briefly I will quit boring.

My interest here is based on an interest in human values, human