

Whereas, S. 537 has been introduced in the Congress of the United States to provide funds to construct bank stabilization works in the area subject to such erosion; and

Whereas, the city of Mandan is situated in the Lower Heart River Water Management District, which District has been organized to provide an effective and responsible agency through which local interests within said District may cooperate and contract with the federal and state governments in furnishing assurances and meeting local cooperation requirements involving control, conservation and use of water in connection with any federal or state projects for the improvement, control and development of rivers lying within said District; and,

Whereas, a proper system of bank rectification works is urgently needed to protect the sewer outfall of the city of Mandan: Now therefore, be it

Resolved by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Mandan That this Board on behalf of said city does hereby respectfully urge the passage of S. 537.

STATEMENT OF RAY SHOFF, SUPERVISOR OF OPERATIONS, UNITED POWER ASSOCIATION, BISMARCK, N. DAK., IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 3402

This testimony is offered in behalf of United Power Association, Bismarck, North Dakota. Our organization is an electric cooperative which has constructed a generating plant in central North Dakota along the Missouri River at a location approximately 45 air miles upstream from Bismarck. This REA financed generating plant and associated facilities provides electric energy directly or indirectly to consumers in North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

We support H.R. 3402 and urge favorable action by this committee. The need for additional river bank stabilization in our area is readily apparent and prompt action is of extreme importance.

Prior to the start of construction of our generating facilities, which were placed in commercial operation in May of 1967, we made contact with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha, Nebraska Office. We were advised that our plantsite area was in one of five areas between the Garrison Dam and the upper reaches of the Oahe Reservoir where bank stabilization was planned by the Corps. Our construction plans were altered to allow for the installation of river bank protection by the Corps as a part of their existing program. This included relocation of our water discharge and rearrangement of piling to match the Corps revetment design. Our plans, as altered, were approved by the Corps in early 1965.

Some stabilization facilities have been installed by the Corps at four of the five locations originally considered as critical areas. Present revetment installations are within one-half mile of our property. We have now been advised, however, that all funds from the original appropriation are allocated and the installation of bank protection along our property as originally planned is not possible.

In recent weeks, much of our river bank has been washed away. The water's edge is within 24' of our diked area, less than one-half the distance that existed in 1965. Variation in river flow, controlled by the Corps, at Garrison Dam 12 miles upstream, is the apparent cause of the rapid bank deterioration.

There exists approximately 800' of river bank along our property where the need for stabilization is critical. Prompt installation of a rock revetment along this shore line as originally planned by the Corps is a necessity. An aerial photograph of the area is attached which illustrates the seriousness of the situation.

We sincerely request passage of H.R. 3402. Thank you.

STATEMENT OF CONGRESSMAN THOMAS KLEPPE, FOR BASIN ELECTRIC POWER CO-OPERATIVE, BISMARCK, N. DAK., IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION PROVIDING RIVER BANK PROTECTION

Basin Electric Power Cooperative is a wholesale power supplier for 106 member rural electric cooperatives located in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa. Basin Electric supports legislation to modify the comprehensive plan for the Missouri River Basin with respect to certain bank protection and rectification work and to increase the appropriation for this work from \$3 million to \$10 million.