

NOMINATION OF JOHN F. O'LEARY TO BE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF MINES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1968

U.S. SENATE,
COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS,
Washington, D.C.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 2 p.m., in room 3110, New Senate Office Building, Senator Clinton P. Anderson presiding.

Present: Senators Clinton P. Anderson (New Mexico), Frank E. Moss (Utah), Carl Hayden (Arizona), Thomas H. Kuchel (California), and Paul J. Fannin (Arizona).

Also present: Jerry T. Verkler, staff director; Stewart French, chief counsel; James H. Gamble, professional staff member; and E. Lewis Reid, minority counsel.

Senator ANDERSON. This is an open, public hearing by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on the nomination by President Johnson of John F. O'Leary to be Director of the Bureau of Mines.

The biographical sketch of this distinguished public servant has been printed in the Congressional Record. But, without objection, I will direct that it be made a part of this hearing as well.

(The document referred to follows:)

JOHN F. O'LEARY

Born June 23, 1926, Reno, Nevada. Educated in public schools in Nevada and California. Graduated from Central High School in Washington, D.C. Entered U.S. Army 1945—discharged with rating of Corporal in 1946. Received A.B. degree in economics from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1950. Continued graduate work in economics part time 1950–53. Joined staff of the Bureau of Mines in 1950. In 1952, became member of staff of Division of Minerals and Fuels, Office of the Secretary of the Interior, as Specialist in Minerals and Metals. In 1953, became staff member of Office of the Assistant Secretary—Mineral Resources, serving as Specialist in Minerals and Fuels Economics. In 1959, appointed Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary—Mineral Resources in the capacity of senior adviser on mineral and fuel programs of the Department of the Interior.

Appointed Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary—Mineral Resources in June 1962, and appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary—Mineral Resources in March 1963. In that position, assisted in supervision of programs conducted by the Bureau of Mines, U.S. Geological Survey, and five other offices in the Department of the Interior, and served as a principal adviser to the Secretary of the Interior on domestic and international fuels and minerals matters.

On termination of employment with Interior—to join FPC—was awarded the Department's distinguished service award.

Appointed to present position of Chief, Bureau of Natural Gas, Federal Power Commission, March 20, 1967. Position involves responsibility for staff work related to processing of applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity for construction and operation of interstate pipelines and for providing staff