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STATEMENT BY HONORABLE BOB DOLE
TO THE PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
May 6, 1968

I appreciate this opportunity to again present a statement concerning various projects in my Congressional District for which funds are recommended in the budget for Fiscal Year 1969. My comments are given separately on each project in the following order:

Construction:

1. Almena Unit (Drainage and minor construction)
2. Glen Elder Unit (Dam)
3. Bostwick Unit (Drainage and minor construction)

General Investigations:

4. Arkansas River (Great Bend, Kansas to John Martin Dam, Colorado)
5. Glen Elder Irrigation Unit
6. Scandia Unit
7. Kanapolis Unit

No. 1 Almena Unit - The program for this project calls for extraordinary maintenance work on railroad locations for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Companies. It also provides for construction of Almena drains. The budget contains \$74,000 for these activities.

No. 2 Glen Elder Unit - The budget recommendation for the Glen Elder Unit is \$4,245,000 for Fiscal 1969. This provides for construction to be completed on Glen Elder Dam and relocations, which include U. S. Highway 24, Kansas State Highways 128 and 181, the county roads south of Cawker City. Also to be completed is the reservoir clearing and installation of power and remote control for pumping facilities at Cawker City. Construction will be continued on recreation fish and wildlife facilities, Cawker City Dike and disposal plant, and the extraordinary maintenance work will continue on the relocated portion of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Contracts will be awarded for the relocation of county road C-480 and other minor roads, and equipment for the operation and maintenance of Glen Elder Dam will be purchased. The acquisition of land for the reservoir will be continued.

No. 3 Bostwick Unit - Program provides for continuation of construction on subsurface drains, earthlining on the Courtland Canal, and a contract will be awarded for the construction of a lateral expansion to serve additional lands. Of the total program, \$208,000 will be expended in Kansas and \$112,000 in Nebraska.

No. 4 Arkansas River - (Great Bend, Kansas, to John Martin Dam, Colorado) - The devastating flood along the Arkansas River in June 1965 inflicted millions of dollars' damage to hundreds of farms; and numerous towns along the river's reaches likewise suffered extensively. This year the budget contains \$68,000 for general investigations which have been in progress for several years. This is \$37,000 less than was contained in the Fiscal Year 1968 budget. As I stated last year, there is great urgency with respect to these investigations and it is to be hoped a report may be submitted to Congress at the earliest time as a basis for authorization of construction work so badly needed to avert a recurrence of the 1965 flood which was so damaging to Kansas and measures must be taken to protect lives and property from any future flood of that magnitude.

No. 5 Glen Elder Irrigation Unit - The budget for the Bureau of Reclamation contains \$65,000 to continue investigations commenced last year of the recommended irrigation unit below Glen Elder Dam.

No. 6 Scandia Unit - This proposed irrigation development is located in Republic County, Kansas, and is a part of the Kansas Bostwick irrigation system. Reconnaissance studies on this proposed project have been performed and the budget contains \$80,000 for the Bureau of Reclamation to enable it to proceed with necessary investigations during Fiscal Year 1969.

No. 7 Kanapolis Unit - Continued investigations would be made possible by the \$17,000 recommended in the budget for this project, and the report is scheduled for completion this calendar year.

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It is unnecessary to point out the serious financial crisis facing our nation and the urgency of cutting back on expenditures wherever and whenever this can be done. It would be unwise, in my opinion, however, to discontinue work on projects in which the taxpayers already have a large investment. For this reason, I support the budget figures and no more.

Thank you.