

Committee on Resources

Witness Statement

WRITTEN TESTIMONY
of
PAUL L. TANNER, CITY COUNCILMAN
DUCHESNE CITY
to the
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES
on behalf of
DUCHESNE CITY, UTAH

April 4, 2000

My name is Dr. Paul L. Tanner. I have lived in Duchesne for approximately twenty-six years, practicing as the only dentist in Duchesne City. I am a graduate of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and of the University of Oregon Dental School. I have served on the city council for six years.

I fully concur in the previous testimony of Mayor Hamlin and Craig Smith. I would like to add however that due to Duchesne's small size and relative remoteness, Duchesne must be self reliant, particularly in securing and providing basic public services such as water to our residence. Because Duchesne City relies upon the two water rights at issue, if there were ever some action by the federal government to take these water rights away from Duchesne, it would be disastrous to our community.

H.R. 3468 is the culmination of our efforts to fully and finally resolve this matter. We have engaged in significant and prolonged negotiations with the United States Department of the Interior, the Ute Indian Tribe, and other entities having interest in these rights, which have all approved of the language in H.R. 3468. I respectfully urge this Committee to recommend the approval of H.R.3468.

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