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REMARKS OF

HON. MIKE MANSFIELD

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, September 18, 1950

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. Speaker, in accord with my annual custom, I am happy to include with my remarks a summary of appropriations approved by the Congress for specific Reclamation, Bonneville Power Administration, Rural Electrification Administration, Indian Office, and Army Engineer's projects in the district I have the honor and the privilege to represent. The time covered by these appropriations is for the period during my service as a Representative from the First District of Montana and follows up similar reports sent out by me in previous years.

These projects, with the coming into western Montana of new industries in the Butte-Anaconda and Hungry Horse areas, mark the beginning of the development of our State, a diversification of our economy, and greater security for our people.

RECLAMATION PROJECTS

1. Hungry Horse project

1946.....	\$1,700,000
1947.....	867,210
1948.....	2,500,000
1949.....	14,611,650
1950.....	22,093,125
1951.....	29,500,000

Total..... 71,271,985

2. Canyon Ferry project

1946.....	\$236,270
1947.....	106,205
1948.....	775,000
1949.....	2,950,000
1950.....	7,928,300
1951.....	5,800,000

Total..... 17,795,775

3. Canyon Ferry-Great Falls transmission line and substation

1951.....	\$365,000
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4. Helena Valley project

1948.....	\$29,000
1949.....	21,000
1950.....	90,000
1951.....	75,000

Total..... 215,000

5. Jefferson River project

1946.....	\$25,945
1947.....	80,000
1948.....	82,500
1949.....	236,000
1951.....	100,000

Total..... 524,445

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6. Three Forks project

1946.....	-----
1947.....	-----
1948.....	\$151,000
1949.....	299,000
1950.....	104,000
1951.....	116,000

Total..... 670,600

7. Bitterroot project

1946.....	-----
1947.....	-----
1948.....	\$39,238
1949.....	-----
1950.....	40,000
1951.....	50,000

Total..... 179,238

8. Missoula Valley project

1945-47 (completed)..... \$269,355

Bonneville power projects

	Cash	Contract authority
Hungry Horse-Kerr No. 1 transmission line:		
1950.....	\$167,450	-----
1951.....	-----	-----
Hungry Horse-Kerr No. 2 transmission line:		
1950.....	\$90,450	\$408,850
1951.....	600,000	1,079,000
Kerr-Anaconda transmission line:		
1950.....	-----	323,000
1951.....	500,000	2,847,000
Kerr-Spokane transmission line:		
1950.....	271,150	1,544,450
1951.....	3,977,000	835,000
KallsPELL substation addition:		
1950.....	4,250	57,800
1951.....	71,000	-----
Kerr switching station:		
1950.....	4,250	153,850
1951.....	33,000	-----
Bonneville office for western Montana (estimate):		
1950.....	30,000	-----
1951.....	51,000	-----
Total.....	5,808,550	7,248,950

Army Engineers projects

1949: Orchard Homes flood-control project (expended \$40,000)..... \$140,000
1950: Libby Dam—Authorized—May 17, 1950. (Estimated cost, \$220,000,000; estimated capacity, 550,000 kilowatts).

Indian Office projects

1. Indian Tuberculosis Hospital, Warm Springs:
1949..... \$750,000
1950..... 750,000

Total..... 1,500,000

2. Polson drainage project: 1950..... 100,000

Rural Electrification Projects

1. Ravalli County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Corvallis, Mont. (it includes Ravalli and Missoula Counties):

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1943-46.....	568	546	\$272,800
1947.....	837	592	-----
1948.....	744	728	73,000
1949.....	784	765	150,000
1950.....	800	772	-----
1951.....	859	809	-----
Total.....	-----	-----	495,800

2. Vigilante Electric Cooperative, Inc., Twin Bridges and Dillon, Mont. (it includes Jefferson, Madison, Silver Bow, Beaverhead, and Broadwater Counties):

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1943-46.....	1,015	545	\$990,000
1947.....	1,395	987	405,000
1948.....	1,434	787	100,000
1949.....	1,547	829	278,000
1950.....	1,630	879	-----
Total.....	-----	-----	1,743,000

3. Missoula Electric Cooperative, Inc., Missoula, Mont. (it includes Ravalli, Granite, Powell, Missoula, Mineral, and Lake Counties):

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1943-46.....	505	298	\$505,000
1947.....	546	337	-----
1948.....	629	394	450,000
1949.....	704	465	-----
1950.....	748	478	190,000
Total.....	-----	-----	1,145,000

4. Flathead Electric Cooperative, Inc., KallsPELL, Mont. (it includes Flathead and Lake Counties):

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1943-46.....	777	551	\$413,700
1947.....	1,098	722	-----
1948.....	1,323	777	635,000
1949.....	1,623	824	-----
1950.....	1,614	843	170,000
Total.....	-----	-----	1,218,700

5. Elmo Electric Cooperative, Inc., Polson, Mont. (it includes Lake County):

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1949.....	216	135	\$110,000
1950.....	190	135	230,000
Total.....	-----	-----	330,000

6. Lincoln Electric Cooperative, Inc., Fortine, Mont. (it includes Lincoln and Flathead Counties). Construction not completed:

	Customers	Farms	Amount of loan
1949.....	-----	-----	\$415,000
1950.....	24	20	192,000
Total.....	-----	-----	607,000

In addition, funds allocated to the North Idaho Electric Cooperative were used to energize lines and serve farms in Sanders County, and funds allocated to the Park County Electric Cooperative were used for similar purposes in Gallatin County.