

GOVERNOR JACK M. CAMPBELL

Dr. Corbett's Introductory Remarks:

They say that when college presidents have an audience they can't refrain from speaking. We are so very fortunate in our speakers this afternoon that I am going to refrain from speaking and concentrate on the job of being the switch engine that moves these heavily-laden cars to the microphone.

I have a telegram which Senator Anderson was good enough to give me to read to the group. It is from Senator Estes Kefauver. He says:

"As you and Secretary Udall are dedicating a most important new plant which will mean much to progress in making useable water which may mean much to the progress of civilization everywhere, I extend warm greetings and congratulations from the beautiful Pecos in the Tres Lagunas (in New Mexico). I commend you and your distinguished guests for your foresighted leadership in making this program possible. Best regards from Nancy and me.

Estes Kefauver

As I said, we are very fortunate in having several men in important positions to speak to us. I am going to start with our own Governor of New Mexico, whom we know is keenly interested in conservation--is keenly interested in water. He is one of the men who has contributed to the Conference in the past. I believe he has two papers in the volumes which were presented to Secretary Udall this morning. He is an old timer at the New Mexico Water Conferences. We are very fortunate to have with us our own Governor whom we all know as Jack Campbell. Governor Jack Campbell.

Governor Campbell:

Thank you very much President Corbett. Secretary Udall, Senator Anderson, Congressman Montoya, ladies and gentlemen. It is true that on several occasions in the past, I have had the privilege of participating in these Water Conferences and I am very happy to be here today in my capacity as Governor to express to you on behalf of the people of our state sincere appreciation for your interest in this most important matter.

New Mexico has been blessed with a great many natural resources--mineral resources, water resources, recreational resources. But, of course, none of them can mean very much unless we continue to devote our efforts and energies to the proper

conservation, distribution, and use of our somewhat limited water supply because this is the life blood of New Mexico as it is of our country and world. It is always a pleasure to see that through our fine educational institution at Las Cruces, New Mexico State University, we are able to maintain an annual contact with those who are most intimately associated with these matters of conservation of this precious natural resource.

Today, of course, is a very momentous occasion and I notice that today's program is dedicated primarily to the conversion of saline and brackish water which is of so much importance to us in New Mexico, and of course to those in other parts of our country and throughout the world. Again, on behalf of the citizens of New Mexico I wish you well in every important effort that you are going through here today and tomorrow. I know that by annual meetings of this kind, New Mexico will continue to stay abreast of the latest scientific developments and research programs in the field of water conservation. Thank you very much.