

NEVADA SEEKING FULL CONTROL OF DAM RESERVE

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Are Pushing Bill to
Clear Up Situation

The state of Nevada is contending for full application of all state laws within the so-called Boulder Dam federal reservation, according to a wire received from Attorney-General Gray Mashburn yesterday by local chamber of commerce officials.

The wire was in response to one sent requesting information on the compromise bill sent to Senator Oddie for introduction into congress, the terms of which were not divulged by Governor Fred B. Balzar and the attorney-general at the time they announced it had been completed and forwarded to Senator Tasker L. Oddie for presentation to congress.

"While we are contending for all laws, we are particularly interested in the right of taxation, and enforcement of labor, industrial insurance, mining and school laws," the attorney-general declared.

"WE ARE asking that the federal government construct school buildings and maintain schools, at least until tax moneys are actually received and apportioned from state funds to maintain those schools," the attorney-general said.

Senator Oddie, in response to a similar wire from the chamber, declared that the attorney-general had sent a tentative draft of a bill for consideration, which is being analyzed by the "legislative counsel" of the senate.

On January seventh I introduced senate bill 2885 which was carefully prepared and which I believe fully protects the state, county and political subdivisional interests," Senator Oddie said, adding that he was now working to have that bill reported out of committee in order that action might be obtained.

Senator Pittman, referring to the same situation, stated "the attorney-general sent his bill to Senator Oddie for introduction. He also sent me a copy of the bill and a copy of the letter to Senator Oddie. Oddie states in a letter to me, he has been awaiting report by the interior department on a bill introduced by him on January seventh and referred to the depart-

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ment on January thirteenth for analysis, before taking any action on the Mashburn bill.

"NO REPORT has been received from the secretary of interior," the senior senator continued. "We are urging an immediate report of the Oddie bill so as to get the idea of the interior department. We will then hold a conference with the secretary of the interior and attempt to agree on the provisions of the Mashburn bill."

The Oddie bill, to which both senators refer, provides:

That the establishment by the federal government of the Boulder canyon project reservation shall in no way interfere with

the sovereign powers of the states of Nevada and Arizona, including their political subdivisions within their respective boundaries with respect to:

- 1.—Taxation of persons and property.
- 2.—Regulation and control of mining and other industries and employment therein.
- 3.—Service of civil or criminal processes and the arrest and punishment of persons charged with offenses against the laws of such states.
- 4.—Right of qualified residents to vote.

That all persons and property within such reservation may be taxed and all industries and industrial employment within such reservation may be regulated and controlled by such state and their political subdivisions to the same extent as if such reservation had not been established.

Provision is made that nothing in the act will be construed to permit interference with the operations of the secretary of the interior in carrying out the provisions of the Boulder canyon project act.

A SEPARATE action empowers and directs the secretary of interior to construct, operate, and maintain adequate educational and recreational facilities on such reservation, with the expenditures incurred being paid out of the Colorado river dam fund.

Secretary Wilbur of the interior department, in previous correspondence with Senator Oddie re-

requested that introduction of the bill be postponed until disposition was made of the litigation between the Six Companies and the state of Nevada regarding the reservation is settled.

“**DELAY IN** final determination of this litigation, which now appears certain, would still further jeopardize the interests of Nevada,” the senator said explaining the reason for his prompt action.