

# STATE AND FERA MOVE TO ASSURE USE OF NEVADA SHARE OF ENERGY

Colorado River Bills Con-  
sidered by Senate;  
Passed by House

U. S. BODY STEPS IN

Power Lines May Be Built  
By FERA, Which Or-  
ders Project Survey

## BULLETIN

CARSON CITY, Mar. 18. (U.P.)

—The senate today unani-  
mously passed the two bills creating  
the new set-up of the Colorado  
river commission and municipal  
power districts and sent them  
to the governor for his signa-  
ture.

With the Boulder dam project  
rapidly nearing completion and  
power due to be available there-  
from within a comparatively  
short time, various agencies  
were moving today to make Ne-  
vada's 118,000 horsepower of  
energy from the project avail-  
able for industry.

The state senate was consider-  
ing two measures, passed unani-  
mously Saturday night by the  
assembly, the first of which would  
set up a new Colorado river com-  
mission as a state agency to han-  
dle Nevada's water and power, and  
the second of which would allow  
the public service commission at  
its discretion, to set up power dis-  
tricts within the state to receive  
PWA funds for the construction of  
power lines.

WHILE THE legislature was  
headed in this direction, FERA of-  
ficials in southern Nevada were  
being instructed by Frank Upman,  
Jr., state relief director, and W.  
W. White, director of FERA's work  
division, to get together all possible  
data on the potential power line  
projects which might be built un-  
der this branch of the federal ser-  
vice.

Claude Mackey, relief adminis-  
trator, expressed the belief that  
this was a step to have FERA in  
readiness to step into the picture  
in whatever capacity it might best  
serve, perhaps even to the extent  
of constructing the entire power  
line from Boulder dam to Pioche.

THE COLORADO river commis-  
sion bill, setting up a bi-partisan  
commission of five members, with  
the governor as chairman, was  
passed by the assembly Saturday  
night after a chamber of commerce  
committee from Las Vegas had  
worked unceasingly for several  
weeks with members of the pres-  
ent Colorado river commission, At-  
torney General Gray Mashburn,  
and members of the two commit-  
tees to which the bill was assigned  
in the lower house.

This measure carries a state ap-  
propriation of \$25,000 to be used  
in pioneering the way in inducing  
industry to locate within this state  
to take advantage of cheap Boul-  
der dam power, and gives the com-  
mission all the necessary authority  
to contract for the sale of Nevada's  
share of the power and promote  
its sale.