

HOUSE MAY DROP PLAN TO CHEAPEN BOULDER POWER

Rivers and Harbors Committee May Go Ahead With Bonneville Alone

WASHINGTON, June 16. (U.P.) — That the California amendments to the Bonneville dam act, seeking to provide for a material reduction in the price of Boulder dam power, will be scrapped entirely so far as the Columbia river project bill is concerned, was indicated today by members of the house rivers and harbors committee which had been informed quietly that the administration does not favor the proposals of the city of Los Angeles as previously presented.

That the administration does not want the Boulder dam amendment tacked onto the Bonneville bill as a rider, became clear yesterday when Representative Robinson of Utah, after conferences with several interior department executives said the department is firmly opposed to the amendment.

REASONS GIVEN FOR this stand were first, that the department does not think there is justification for reduction of interest charges and second that the department does not believe it is good sportsmanship for California to come in just as the power contracts go into effect and demand a revision of the contracts.

The department takes the stand that these contracts were worked out over a term of years and when agreed to were acceptable to all parties including California.

IT WAS GENERALLY understood also, that the treasury department had sent word to the rivers and harbors committee that it is opposed to wiping out the \$73,000,000 in revenues which is proposed in the California-Boulder dam amendments.