

Dam Fund Suit

Bill Is Beaten

Assembly Refuses Hearing In Court

**20-16 Vote Lacks
One Of Being
Necessary**

CARSON CITY, Mar. 11
(UP)—The assembly of the state legislature today defeated, by a margin of one vote, the Clark county delegation's bill which would permit a county to sue the state.

The vote was 20 for, 16 against, and four members were absent. The constitutional majority necessary for passage is 21.

The bill would permit any county in which was located a water storage and hydro-electric project owned by the United States to sue the state.

Clark county sponsored the legislation to determine whether it is entitled to share in Boulder dam revenue.

Determine Issue

Archie Grant, democrat of Clark, declared that the issue should be determined once and for all.

"Give us an opportunity to be heard," he asked. "There is only one place to settle the Boulder

dam question. That is in the supreme court, where we take all problems for final determination.

Grant said the county "is not asking for anything unreasonable. We ask only fair play. You owe it to your own counties to be fair to other counties."

"Do not shut your eyes and ears and say that Clark county has no case. That is not Nevada's way. I think we have here a fair bill, which will enable us to present our case." 311

Washoe Against

Clarence Ruedy, republican of Washoe, spoke against the bill, particularly a section specifying types of evidence which might be received.

"If this is passed," he said, "it will be a case of the legislative branch telling the judiciary what may be brought as evidence . . .

"At the present time it seems to me there is claim and not liability. Piece 3043

Warren Monroe, democrat of Elko, spoke in favor of the bill, saying that his county wanted "to give Clark county and the state of Nevada a square deal."

Previously the assembly passed and sent to the senate a bill providing that temporary hunting and fishing licenses be furnished without fee to members of the armed forces stationed in Nevada. DAM FUND SUIT 311