

# Boulder Dam Fund Issue Appears In State Legislature

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Whether it reaches the floor of the legislature or not, the Boulder dam revenue issue already has made a major appearance in the capital.

To begin with, the members of the Clark county delegation apparently are withholding promises of support of other measures until they find out just what is going to happen to the 20 per cent slice of the \$300,000 paid the state every year by the government in lieu of taxes on Boulder dam.

Several legislators reported they approached the Clark county members regarding favored measures. Most of them said the answer they got was anything but definite.

Delegation members believe if the Boulder dam issue is ever taken to the Nevada supreme court, an altogether different situation will result.

They feel the high court would reverse the present set-up.

In other words, delegation members are convinced the court would award Clark county \$240,000 annually and give the state \$60,000—or the 20 per cent cut.

While supporters of the Clark county claim they are fully entitled to the present share—and more—opinion is divided as to what course to follow.

One group favors taking the Boulder dam issue before the court immediately.

The other feels Clark county should seek a compromise whereby they could retain their present share of Boulder revenue.

This group points out the court battle would be long and costly. They also feel it would be better “in interests of harmony in war time,” not to mention the Clark county treasury.

Suggestions have already been advanced by a Reno and a Las Vegas newspaper that the issue be left status quo until after the war.