

Bill Introduced to Give County Half of Federal Boulder Dam Allotments

Introduced by Smith and Jameson in
Both Houses; Hammond, Elmer and
Bollinger to Appear Before Legislature

A proposal which would give Mohave county one-half of the revenue received by the state from the federal government from the operation of Boulder dam was introduced into the legislature last Monday by E. L. Jameson.

The bill was drawn up by County Attorney Carl Hammond and special attorneys Charles P. Elmer and E. Elmo Bollinger in cooperation with Representative Jameson and Congressman J. Hubert Smith. The bill was later introduced on the floor of the senate by Smith.

Jameson's bill advanced four reasons for granting to Mohave county fifty percent of the Boulder dam funds allotted to the state by congressional act in 1940.

1. All property in Mohave county in which the dam is situated is in Mohave county.

2. Administrative and governmental expenses in Mohave county have increased materially because of construction and operation of the dam and are far in excess of any revenue derived by the county from the dam's operation.

3. Land belonging to the county has been withdrawn by the federal government or has been inundated by Lake Mead, formed by the dam, with consequent loss of tax revenue to the county.

4. The state government and congress entered into the agreement on the basis that the payment of \$300,000 annually is in lieu of taxes.

The bill provides that the county shall receive \$150,000 of the \$300,000 payments each year or 50 percent of the amount paid if it is less than \$300,000.

It also calls for the apportionment of the money received by the county in the same manner as other tax money received by that governmental agency.

It is expected that Hammond, Bollinger and Elmer will appear before the legislative bodies and make pleas in favor of the proposal.