

# Assembly Group

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## Hearings Planned

### On Dam Fund Bill

**"Unbiased Hearing" is Promised Today by Peter A. Burke**

CARSON CITY, Nev., Jan. 29 (UP)—The assembly of the Nevada legislature today held its first Friday meeting of the 1943 session.

The senate adjourned yesterday until Monday, immediately after receiving the governor's budget message and recommended appropriations bills.

#### Dam Fund Hearing

The assembly committee on natural resources later today was to hold a hearing on the controversial bill passed by the senate which would deprive Clark county of its present 20 per cent share of \$300,000 Boulder dam revenue paid the state annually.

Committee Chairman Peter Burke, democrat, Washoe, said his group intended to "give every aid in obtaining a full and unbiased hearing on the measure."

The Clark county delegation said no residents of that county except those already in Carson City for the legislative session would be called.

#### Officials to Appear

Former Attorney General Gray Mashburn, State Engineer A. M. Smith, and Director Jay Carpenter of the state bureau of mines were scheduled to appear as witnesses for Clark county.

Burke said his committee hoped to complete consideration of the bill in time to prevent the measure from becoming involved in a last-minute legislative jam. That happened to the original bill granting Clark county its 20 per cent of Boulder revenue during the 1941 session.

A state committee was to study today a measure authorizing establishment of housing authorities in Nevada communities to cooperate with the federal housing authority. The bill was sponsored by the Elko, Lincoln, Pershing, Nye, Humboldt and Clark delegations.

#### Far Reaching Bill

The assembly had before it today a far-reaching measure altering present laws relating

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to workmen's compensation which have stood unchanged since 1913.

Introduced by J. P. Smith, democrat, White Pine, the measure would amend the present law which sets a maximum of 65 per cent payment based on a top salary of \$120 a month as a benefit to injured workers. At the most, the present law permits a monthly payment of \$82.

The proposed measure would leave the 65 per cent but would set no limit on the amount which could be paid.

For the first time, provision would be made for children of the man or woman worker injured or killed.

Where children survive, each child would receive 25 per cent of the parent's average monthly wage until he reached the age of 18.

In cases of death where there were no children, the surviving husband or wife would receive 59 per cent of the annual salary of the deceased.

In cases of temporary disability, the worker would receive 65 per cent of his average monthly wage for not more than 100 months, and in no case for a total payment to exceed \$10,000.

Maximum benefit would be set at \$30 a month.