

Assembly Group Okehs Passage Of Dam Fund Repeal

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 4 (UP)—The assembly natural resources committee today brought the controversial Boulder dam fund issue nearer final settlement when it presented a majority report favoring passage of the bill which would deprive Clark county of \$60,000 annual Boulder dam revenue.

C. O. Bastian, democrat, Lincoln, signed a minority report with a "do not pass" recommendation.

The majority report was signed by Chairman Peter Burke, democrat, Washoe, Fred Strosnider, democrat, Lyon; Duane Mack, republican, Douglas, and Louis Capurro, republican Washoe.

It was indicated a final vote on the measure, passed by the senate last week, would be held tomorrow morning.

Hearing Concluded

After its third and final public hearing on the repeal bill, the committee studied testimony that the Colorado river commission will have repaid the \$25,000 originally advanced it by the state by July of this year.

The witness was Charles DeArmond, commission engineer. He gave the testimony in answer to an argument advanced by State Senator A. V. Tallman, republican, Humboldt, who declared last week that Boulder dam revenue belonged to all of the people of Nevada because the legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the work of the commission.

"The Colorado river commission is entirely self-supporting," DeArmond declared. "In fact, if the present three-tenths of a mill tax levy in Clark and Lincoln counties is continued, the commission at some future date might pay revenue in to the state treasury."