

ODDIE DEFEATS TRY TO SLASH BOULDER FUNDS

McKellar, of Tennessee,
Seeks to Cut Appropriation
to Six Million

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. (AP) A determined drive, on the part of Senator McKellar, of Tennessee, to slash the appropriation for the Boulder canyon project from eight million dollars, as provided for in the interior supply bill, to six million, was defeated today by Senator Tasker L. Oddie, of Nevada, after it appeared that the cut was about to be given to the fund.

McKellar, when the sub-committee of the appropriations committee met this morning to mark up the bill for the full committee, started his drive on the Boulder canyon item and for a time began to gain strength for his battle.

HOWEVER, THE Nevada senator took the floor and with a few deft strokes convinced the members of the committee that to slash two millions off the appropriation might cost the government an even larger sum in the future, and succeeded in wrecking the plans of the Tennessee solon.

As the bill now stands, it provides for eight million dollars for prosecuting the work at the giant dam on the Colorado river, and there is little likelihood that it will be interfered with by the full board of the appropriations committee.

AT A HEARING held on the bill several days ago, Dr. Elwood Mead, director of reclamation, was one of the witnesses and he declared that the eight million dollar appropriation carried in the bill would be sufficient to allow work to go ahead as rapidly as it has in the past.

He pointed out that there was still much of the \$10,000,000 appropriated last session that had not been used and that this, together with the eight million provided in the interior bill this year would be entirely satisfactory.

THE BILL is expected to go to the full committee sometime late this week and be ready for presentation on the floor of the senate not later than the end of next week.