

WILBUR SIGNS BILL FOR DAM

Hoover Power Project Officially Authorized.

Washington, March 11 (AP).—Secretary Wilbur, by a stroke of a pen, set in motion today the activities for actual construction of the great Hoover dam and power project, key parts of the \$165,000,000 Boulder Canyon project, which will reclaim millions of acres in the arid valley of the Colorado river.

Wilbur authorized award of the contract for building the dam and power system, to cost finally approximately \$109,000,000, to the Six Companies, Inc., of San Francisco, a combination of western construction companies, at \$48,890,995.

To speed up getting the dam under way, Reclamation Commissioner Mead telegraphed the Denver office to draw the contract. When signed, the company will post a \$5,000,000 surety bond, guaranteeing completion in the allotted six and one-half years or paying a penalty of \$3,000 daily for delay.