

House Group Endorses Ike's Public Work Funds But Rejects Request To Halt New Projects

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee today recommended \$1,176,677,000 be spent on public works projects in the 12 months beginning July 1. But in approving the big money bill, to be considered by the House Friday, the committee rejected President Eisenhower's plea that

no funds be included for either new planning or new construction starts on water projects. Although adhering exactly to the money total asked by Eisenhower, the committee criticized the administration policy of "no new starts" as unrealistic. It said the policy would "ultimately dry up the water resources program for the nation."

Bipartisan Turndown
In an "overwhelming bipartisan rejection" of the Eisenhower policy, the committee included in the bill money for such unbudgeted items as 24 general investigations, 41 construction and planning projects for the Army Corps of Engineers, and seven construction projects for the Bureau of Reclamation. As an example of what it called absurdity of rigid application of

the new start ban, the committee said the budget failed to provide for deepening Pascagoula, Miss., Harbor. Unless the work is started during the coming year, the committee said the Navy would not be able to launch four nuclear submarines being built at Pascagoula by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Co. The committee recommended \$1,242,000 to start the work.

To accomplish the new starts, the committee subtracted budgeted funds from more than a score of projects but said that in the over-all, the going program will not be slowed down or stretched out appreciably.

Rivers, Harbors Rise
For the Army Engineer civil works program on rivers and harbors and flood control, the committee recommended \$563,440,500, an increase of \$49,280,200 over last year's appropriation of \$514,160,300. The budget estimate for the 12 months beginning July 1.

Funds recommended by the committee for other public works agencies included:

Southwestern Power Administration, \$2,030,000, conforming to budget estimates. Bonneville Power Administration, \$32,582,000, a decrease of \$2,668,000 from the budget request.

The committee deleted budgeted funds for Reclamation Bureau investigations in the Chehalis River Basin in Washington and the Pleasant Valley unit of the Snake River Project in Idaho and Oregon. It said the Chehalis Basin is in an area of high average rainfall and funds might be spent where irrigation need is more apparent. The Pleasant Valley unit, the committee said, would flood out the Idaho Power Co.

The Columbia Basin headed the list with \$8 million.

The breakdown in construction funds for the three states includes \$67,824,000 for Washington projects, \$33,883,088 for Oregon and \$1,322,618 for Idaho.

Planning money would be apportioned as \$1,275,000 for Washington, \$407,000 for Oregon and \$886,000 for Idaho.

Bonneville Cut Vital In Harney

PORTLAND (AP) — Bonneville Power Administration's budget took a \$2,668,000 cut in the House Appropriations Committee recommendation today, but most of it was on construction which can be deferred.

A BPA spokesman, reporting that, said however that \$1,055,000 was set up for construction of the facilities needed to serve the Harney County area of southeastern Oregon — biggest, un-electrified area in the Northwest — and it might be necessary to appeal this cut to the House or Senate. It will depend on whether an Rural Electrification Administration loan is obtained by the Harney County group.

The spokesman said it was assumed the House committee struck the funds on the ground the REA loan has not yet been approved. If the loan comes through in time to get construction started this year, Congress will be asked to restore the money to the BPA budget, the spokesman said. Other cuts were: A proposed Goldendale intertie on the Midway-Bonneville and Midway-McNary lines, \$582,000, not needed because of a change in routing plans; Cougar Dam facilities, \$464,000, not needed until next year because of delays in dam construction; system facilities and general construction, \$587,000, a general tightening up on building warehouses, buying tools, expanding communications and similar activity.

Anaconda Sells 8 Newspapers

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — The Midwestern Lee organization has purchased eight Montana daily newspapers in which the Fairmont Corp., an Anaconda Co. subsidiary, held full or controlling interest.

Clyde E. Weed, chairman of the board of Anaconda, and Lee P. Loomis, president of the Lee group, announced the sale this week, effective immediately.

Commercial printing departments in five Montana cities were included in the sale. The price was not disclosed.

The announcement said Don Anderson, publisher of the Madison (Wis.) State Journal, will be president of the new operating company, the Lee Newspapers of Montana. He is a native of Montana and attended Montana State College.

The Lee group, long prominent in Midwest publishing, will take over the Independent Record in Helena, the Missoulian & Sentinel in Missoula, the Butte Daily Post and the Montana Standard in Butte, the Anaconda Standard, the Billings Gazette and the Livingston Enterprise.

The commercial printing operations are in Missoula, Helena, Butte, Billings and Livingston; office supply stores are in Anaconda and Billings.

Benson Notes Trouble Source
SUN VALLEY, Idaho (AP) — Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said Wednesday agriculture is burdened with too much government, too much politics and too little common sense.

"We must quit trying to fix prices artificially," he said. "This is the source of the twin evils of production for government warehouses and government control over farmer."

In a talk prepared for a meeting of the Idaho-Eastern Oregon Seedmen's Assn., Benson said "we must emphasize markets, increased efficiency and competitive selling. We must eliminate government's stranglehold on agriculture."

Criticizing government farm subsidies, Benson said "we must resist the temptation to regard our nation as some great benefactor whose wealth is ours for the spending rather than ours for the tending."

He said agriculture faces a "most paradoxical situation" under which vast amounts of public funds are being spent to aid farmers already receiving the highest per capita income in history.

The secretary said he believed most farmers do not want present subsidy programs.

Commission Views Winnemucca Route

KLAMATH FALLS (AP) — The state Highway Commission set out Tuesday for a look at the so-called Winnemucca-to-the-sea highway.

For the commission that actually means for the present, construction of a good highway between Adel in southern Lake County to the Nevada border near the Harney-Lake county line.

Nevada in turn would build a road from there to the Denio-Cedarville road, which would lead to Winnemucca.

The idea is that some westbound travelers on US40 would, instead of continuing on 40 to Reno and California, swing northwest through Winnemucca, Adel, Klamath Falls and points west.

It would reduce the distance between Lakeview and Winnemucca by 100 miles. The present route is north from Lakeview via Burns and back down through Denio or via Alturas and Reno.

Hearing Slated By PUC Head

SALEM (AP) — Public Utilities Commissioner Jonel C. Hill has ordered the following public hearings:

Eugene, courthouse, July 8, to establish train speeds within Eugene, Springfield, Colburg, Lebanon, Monroe and Gates.

Astoria, city hall, June 16, on Greyhound Corp.'s application to eliminate one daily round trip between St. Helens and Astoria.

Gold Hill, city hall, July 9, on proposal to withdraw joint agent at Gold Hill for Southern Pacific railroad.

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Wheat Plan Eyed For 1960

WASHINGTON (AP) — The door has been closed—but not locked—against a new federal control program for wheat.

Acting under farm law, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has issued a proclamation ordering the 21-year-old program continued for next year's wheat crop.

President Eisenhower said continuation of the old law for another year "leads the wheat program one step closer to disaster." He again urged Congress to act.

Farmers will vote July 23 on the question of continuing marketing quotas. These would limit sales of wheat to that grown on 55 million acres that would be allotted growers. At least two-thirds of those voting must approve.

Department officials said it is not too late, however, to put a new program into operation for next year's wheat.

They said it would be possible to change programs as late as July 1 should Congress pass one

acceptable to the Eisenhower administration.

Program Said Failure
The administration as well as many farm leaders have called the present program a failure because it has not prevented accumulation of a record surplus.

The President's statement said this was the seventh time since January that he had called the attention of Congress to the problem.

"This legislation has piled up well over three billion dollars worth of wheat, a supply equal to 2½ times our annual domestic needs," Eisenhower said. "Storage, handling and interest charges for this wheat will cost the American taxpayer close to a half billion dollars during the next fiscal year."

The President added, "five months have gone by, including the two week extension especially provided to remedy the situation, with no conclusive Congressional reaction."

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Rogue River At Gold Beach Among Sanctioned Items

WASHINGTON (AP) — Funds approved Tuesday by the House Appropriations committee for water projects of the Army Engineers and the Reclamation Bureau for the 12 months beginning July 1:

Army Engineer projects Construction Washington — Howard A. Hanson (Eagle Gorge) reservoir, \$6,000,000; Chief Joseph Dam, \$1,100,000; Ice Harbor lock and dam, \$32,000,000; John Day Lock and dam, \$20,000,000.

Oregon — Columbia River, 27 foot channel between Vancouver and The Dalles, \$1,811,000; Rogue River at Gold Beach, \$1,500,000; Multnomah Drainage District No. 1, \$203,000; Willamette River bank protection, \$500,000; Cougar reservoir, \$9,000,000; Hills creek reservoir, \$8,300,000; The Dalles, \$7,000,000; Interstate bridge, \$1,130,000.

Reclamation Bureau projects Construction Washington — Columbia Basin, \$8,000,000; Chief Joseph Dam project, Greater Wenatchee division, \$724,000.

Oregon — California — Klamath \$522,000. Idaho — Little Wood river, \$672,618; Minidoka, north side pumping division, \$850,000.

Oregon — Crooked river, \$2,833,000; Rogue River basin, Talent di-

vision \$2,747,788; Wapinitia, \$39,700.

Planning Idaho — Columbia River local protection — Boise Valley, \$41,000; Heise-Roberts extension, \$75,000; Bruce Eddy reservoir, \$770,000.

Oregon — Blue River reservoir, \$105,000; Fall Creek reservoir, \$2,202,000; Yaquina Bay and harbor, \$100,000.

Washington: Wahkiakum County Consolidated Diking Dist. No. 2, \$25,000; Lower Monumental lock and dam \$500,000; Little Goose lock and dam \$450,000.

Yaquina Bay Cash Okayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House Appropriations Committee today added one Oregon project to the public works program outlined in the President's budget requests, and cut more than a million dollars from two others.

(One is the Bonneville slash, treated in detail in the adjacent story.) The President's budget omitted planning funds for work at Yaquina Bay and Harbor. The House Committee approved \$100,000 to get that big project's planning under way. It is authorized for construction at \$19,800,000, but the authorization is ineffective until money is supplied.

The committee cut Cougar Reservoir construction funds to 9 million dollars, \$700,000 under the President's budget. It also cut Multnomah Drainage Dist. No. 1 to \$205,000 from the budget recommendation of \$703,000. The Cougar Reservoir reduction was in line with an Army Engineers recommendation for the smaller sum.

Other appropriations approved by the House committee followed the President's budget requests.

5 Girls Held For Arson

PORTLAND (AP) — Five teenage girls were held in the county juvenile home here, accused of touching off an \$800 fire in the Children's Home where they were living. One of the girls had been sent to the home on a court order after she had set fires at a home where she was baby-sitting.

Police said they set the fire to cause excitement. An automatic alarm had firemen there quickly.

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