

# McKay Asks Senate Block Federal Hells Canyon Dam

By JOHN KAMPS  
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(Story also on page 1.)

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The election was marked by campaigning (for the first time in five years) by some of the districts that would have benefited financially had the budget won approval.

Voting literally was on the \$1,074,098 portion of the budget which exceeded the 6 per cent limitation. The total budget would have been \$1,336,213.

Defeat means that the \$337,000 portion of the budget within the 6 per cent limitation will be apportioned to the districts involved which will now hold separate elections to pass on individual budgets.

DISTRICT YES NO  
Jefferson 24 17  
Hubbard 2 2  
Willard 337 9  
Keizer 250 8  
Pratum 128 11  
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Detroit 1 1  
Donald 1 1  
Bethany 1 1  
Central Howell 1 1  
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Silver Crest 1 1  
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Maclean 1 1  
Aumsville 1 1  
Marion 1 1  
North Howell 1 1  
West Stayton 1 1  
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Hazel Green 1 1  
Evans Valley 1 1  
Mt. Angel 1 1  
Brooks 1 1  
Buena Crest 1 1  
Clovefield 1 1  
Butteville 1 1  
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Lafayette Center 1 1  
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SUBMITTY—Queen Beverly Miller and King Larry Silbernagel, seated in center wearing crowns, will lead the court at the St. Boniface High School promenade at the parish house here Friday night, May 6. Shown with them are members of the court. Those seated are Doris Minden, left, and Sharon Meyerhofer, right. From the left, those standing are Jeanne Etzel, Ted Schotthofer, George Giesler, Robert Doerfler, Donald Gescher and Geraldine Heuberger. Stubby Mills orchestra will play. (St. Boniface Studio photo)

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