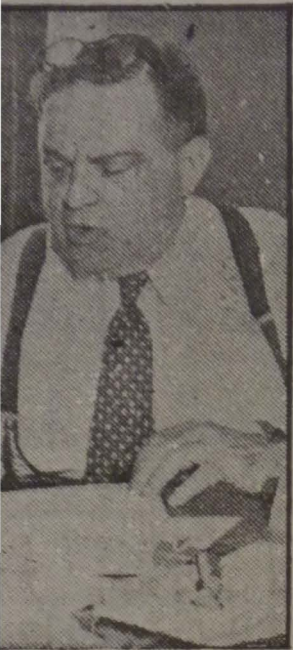


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# House Approves Million and Half For Cascade Dam

The way has been definitely cleared for letting of contracts for the Cascade dam, it was announced this morning.

This came about when the House of Representatives approved the report of a House-Senate conference committee on an Interior Department Supply bill, adopting numerous senate amendments. The measure has now been sent to the senate for final action, and there is no doubt about its passage.

The interior bill which included 1½ million dollars, one million dollars more for the Cascade reservoir than was originally planned, becomes effective July 1—only 11 days hence—and is to cover a period of one year. In addition to the actual money appropriated the bill authorizes the Reclamation Bureau to let contracts for considerable additional construction.

Congress set a new precedent when it appropriated funds for the Cascade dam without first having all storage water under contract.

In addition to the 1½ million dollars now being appropriated, the project for some time has had \$900,000 on hand with which to purchase lands coming under the reservoir. Most of this money is still intact awaiting final O. K. on appraisments and clearing of the title to the lands.

Officials of the Interior Department are in Cascade now checking on appraisments and in other ways attempting to speed the thing along to a point where actual construction and re-routing of the highway and railroad can begin.