

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO) (THIRTY-SIXTH SESSION

part of the authorized IN THE SENATE

Snake River, would SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. of \$3,000,000,

of which \$1,500,000 would be down from the Bruce's Eddy

dam; and,

By _____ Committee

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

We, your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of
Idaho, respectfully represent, that:

WHEREAS, the Army Corp of Engineer's 308 Review, properly
denominated as House Document No. 531, Eighty-first Congress,
Second Session, as the same has been later amended and modified
by Senate Document No. 51, Eighty-fourth Congress, First Session
and review of House Document No. 531, dated June, 1958 entitled
Water Resource Development Columbia River Basin, clearly points
out that the site of the proposed storage dam on the North Fork
of the Clearwater River in Clearwater County, State of Idaho,
known as Bruce's Eddy, is a great natural location for a multi-
purpose flood control and hydroelectric dam installation; and,

WHEREAS, Federal funds approaching \$2,000,000 in amount
have been expended on studies, explorations, surveys, testing
and planning of said project, the results of which have fully
supported the original recommendation of the Army Corp of
Engineers as contained in the above referenced documents, and,

WHEREAS, annual flood damage of considerable proportion
exists on the Clearwater River, where a recurrence of the 1948
flood in the Clearwater valley, based on present conditions,

Document 51, would be \$1.14 to 1.

3. Navigation. The Bruce's Eddy pool would provide in-
but assuming protection of Lewiston by levees proposed as a
part of the authorized Lower Granite Lock and Dam project on
Snake River, would cause an estimated damage of \$3,000,000,
of which \$1,500,000 would be downstream from the Bruce's Eddy
damsite; and,

WHEREAS, the potential for commercial and industrial
development in the Clearwater Basin cannot be realized until
substantial regulation of the flows of the Clearwater River
for the prevention of flood control is effected; and,

WHEREAS, additional hydroelectric power will be required
in the Columbia Basin by the years 1965 through 1970 to meet
the increasing electric power demands forecasted for that period
in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest; and,

WHEREAS, navigation and recreational benefits are important
to the Clearwater area and to the State of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, the Bruce's Eddy project, as recommended by the
Army Corp of Engineers, would be a multipurpose project,
accomplishing the following, among other purposes:

1. Flood Control. Local flood damage in the Clearwater
Basin would be reduced annually and major flood problems in
the lower Columbia River would be importantly benefited by
upstream storage as would be provided by this proposed project.

2. Power. A Bruce's Eddy power plant would have, at
site, an ultimate power installation in excess of 500,000
kilowatts. In addition, storage releases from Bruce's Eddy
reservoir would increase the energy generation at downstream
power plants by 799,000,000 kilowatt hours annually. That the
benefit to cost ratio of said project, as estimated in Senate
Document 51, would be 2.14 to 1.

3. Navigation. The Bruce's Eddy pool would provide important assistance in transportation of logs from the forests to the mills which would yield an estimated benefit of \$537,000 annually.

4. Storage. The reservoir at the project would provide about 2,000,000 acre feet of usable water storage.

5. Recreation. The reservoir would be about 50 miles long and will provide many and varied recreational benefits to the people of the State of Idaho;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Idaho, the House of Representatives concurring, that we most respectfully urge upon the Congress of the United States of America that Congress expedite such legislation as shall be required to the end that construction of the Bruce's Eddy Dam project on the North Fork of the Clearwater River in Idaho shall be authorized and construction be commenced at an early date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the State of Idaho be authorized, and he hereby is directed, to immediately forward certified copies of this Memorial to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, to the Federal Power Commission, to the Secretary of Interior, and to the Senators and Representatives in Congress from this State and from the States of Montana, Washington and Oregon.

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December 15, 1960

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Dear Mac:

The Memorial looks good and I think you have got about everything in it. I have made a few corrections from my recollection such as the 510,000 kilowatts rather than the old figure of 240,000 and the 2 million feet which studies have brought out that the project will allow.

I sent a copy of the suggestion over to Paul Symbol and ask him to correct any figures that are out of line too much and return to me as soon as possible. We should hear from the Colonel in a day or so and I will forward to you his comments. Note on the copy which I am returning to you a few ideas I had such as on page 2 where we mention navigation benefits at \$537,000 annually. This is the old figure and it is far too conservative with the annual acre yield of 2,440,000 acres of forest land in the pool area being around 600 to 800 cubic feet, and with a $6\frac{1}{2}$ billion board feet of uncut timber as a starter I think a very conservative navigation benefit would be around \$10,000,000 annually when you figure that transportation cost to mills of the region would be reduced some \$10 per thousand board feet. Maybe I'll have a better figure out of Paul Symbol in a day or so.

See you at Lewiston Monday noon? Perhaps. Are you going? I haven't fully decided yet, but might tie a noon luncheon in with a little Christmas shopping I should do around Lewiston and maybe a short trip to my eye doctor.

Enclosure

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Re: Clearwater Dams
Senate Joint Memorial

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of a rough draft of a proposed Senate Joint Memorial to submit to the legislature of the State of Idaho relative to Bruce's Eddy Dam.

The enclosure is intended merely to get our thinking going and any suggestions as to content, amendments, deletions or changes will be appreciated.

I believe we should get at this matter at an early date so that we can reduce this to its final form and permit Mr. Butler to submit it to Senator Murphey.

Yours very truly,

SWAYNE & McNICHOLS

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