

# Pfost Says Vote Doesn't Mean End Of Road For High Dam Bill

"This is not the end of the road," Rep. Gracie Pfost told the Tribune by wire last night. She was commenting on the 15-13 vote of the Reclamation Subcommittee of the House Interior Committee to turn down a bill to build a high federal dam in Hells Canyon on the Snake River.

"Ultimately," Mrs. Pfost said, "the high dam will have to be built because Idaho, the Northwest and the nation will be unable to get along without the power it will produce.

"I regret that for the present at least the people of the area will have to continue to pay high light bills. Even without Brownlee, the Idaho Power Co. is extracting from resident consumers in the area (exclusive of industrial consumers) some \$292,000 each month over and above what these consumers would have to pay if they could be furnished power at the Bonneville rate of 2.3 mills per kilowatt hour. Think of what this quarter of a million dollars that the people are now paying unnecessarily for their electricity could mean to the economy of the area if it could be spent on other things.

"When Brownlee power goes on the line, the excess expenditures for electricity will climb quickly toward the half million dollar mark—that's a lot of dollars to take out of other business channels each month in the Snake River Valley in Idaho.

"I am, of course, deeply disappointed in the vote in the House Interior Committee this morning. Membership on this committee presupposes an interest at least, and more often a dedication to the protection and development of our natural resources. Yet for the sake of supporting private development of the Hells Canyon stretch of the Snake River, every Republican and two southern Democrats voted to squander a great natural resource. This is hard for me to understand.

"I have been working—with all of the strength and purpose I possess — since before my election to the Congress, for a High Hells Canyon dam. I do not propose to stop now in my efforts to secure the maximum development of the great water resource—the Snake River."

## Snake River

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