

# House Votes To Authorize Bruces Eddy

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives approved an omnibus river development bill including authorization for Bruces Eddy dam Friday after Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, had threatened a filibuster on the Senate floor if the Clearwater River project was dropped.

Adoption by the House of a conference report approving the project assured its final authorization when the Senate meets again Saturday. The Senate had fought to keep in the bill nine projects, including Bruces Eddy, which the House had sought to eliminate. (Church told the Lewiston Morning Tribune in a telephone interview that the Bruces Eddy bill was the only one of these to survive the adamant opposition of the House.)

A \$2-million appropriation to start construction of Bruces Eddy is included in a separate appropriation bill expected to win approval of both the House and Senate Saturday.

Adjournment of Congress has been delayed pending action on these two bills.

Not only was the Bruces Eddy project retained in the rivers and harbors authorization bill, but also the \$100-million Asotin dam project, six miles south of Lewiston on the Snake River; the \$7,027,000 Ririe dam on Willow Creek near Idaho Falls, and an \$829,000 item for improving a dam and reservoir on the Blackfoot River.

#### Idaho Projects Deleted

Idaho projects deleted from the Senate-approved bill at the insistence of House conferees were the China Gardens dam on the Snake River above the proposed Asotin project, and the bitterly-contested Burns Creek project on the Upper Snake River.

The appropriation bill awaiting action Saturday includes \$75,000 for planning Ririe dam as well as the \$2-million to begin construction of Bruces Eddy. The House also adopted an amendment sponsored in the Senate by Church

to restore \$125,000 in planning funds which the House had struck from the Mann Creek project near Ririe. No planning money had been sought for Asotin dam—merely authorization for later construction.

"The authorization bill includes authority to build Idaho projects costing well over a quarter-billion dollars," Church said. "It is by far the biggest building program authorized for Idaho by Congress in our history."

Church had served notice Wednesday night, after he was informed that House conferees remained adamant against Bruces Eddy, that he would filibuster if necessary to force Congress to reconsider the project.

#### Has Filibuster Material

Friday, while the Senate and House conferees returned for a final negotiation session to try to iron out differences between the two houses, Church stood vigil in the Senate, his desk piled high with books, reports and other materials needed to sustain a filibuster.

"Everyone in both branches of Congress was aware of my intentions," he said. "The Washington Post had a page 1 story about my plan. The Senate recessed periodically throughout the day while awaiting a report from the conference committee. At one point, when support had grown increasingly for Bruces Eddy and rumors began to circulate that we would win, I told the Senate pages to take the filibuster materials to my office. But Sen. Mike Mansfield, (D-Mont., the Senate majority leader), who had pledged his support in my fight, told the pages not to touch them until we had a conference report."

The conference report finally came through Friday evening with the Bruces Eddy project still in the bill and with no filibustering necessary.

#### Six Projects Eliminated

House conferees won the argument with the Senate representatives on six major projects which House conferees had been urged to reject. Eliminated were Devils Jump dam in Kentucky, \$151-million; Cape Fear River's New Hope dam in North Carolina, \$25-million; Waurika reclamation project in Oklahoma, \$25-million; Knowles dam in Montana, \$235-million; Trotters Shoals dam in Georgia, \$78.7-million, and Burns Creek in Idaho, \$52-million.

The conferees also eliminated the \$151-million Flint River project in Georgia and the \$62.2-million China Gardens dam.

Church had reported earlier that he had won approval of the

Senate leadership for his stand that the omnibus bill should die in the Senate entirely if the House insisted upon killing Bruces Eddy. He said President Kennedy also had promised his support.

"I am especially indebted to Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., chairman of the Senate conferees, whose own Waurika project was lost, for the unyielding support he gave me in the conference," Church said. "I am indebted, too, to Rep. Gracie Pfost, D-Idaho, for her tireless efforts with the House conferees. We have scored a big victory for Idaho."

#### PROJECTS INCLUDED

WASHINGTON (AP) — The water projects authorization bill agreed upon Friday by House-Senate conferees included the following projects:

**Navigation Projects:**  
Oregon and Washington—Columbia and Lower Willamette Rivers, \$493,000; Columbia and Lower Willamette Rivers below Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Ore., \$20,100,000.

Washington — Tacoma Harbor, port industrial and Hylebos waterways, \$2,460,000; Kingston Harbor, \$428,000; Swinomish Channel, \$887,000.

**Flood Control Projects:**  
Oregon and California — Rogue River \$106,700,000.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana—Columbia River Basin, additional projects in comprehensive plan (estimated cost \$261,500,000), including Asotin Dam, Idaho and Washington, \$83,340,000; Bruces Eddy, Idaho, \$127,166,000; Strube reregulating reservoir, Oregon, \$6,685,000; Fern Ridge modification, Oregon, \$140,000; Cascadia Dam, Oregon, \$28,270,000; Gate Creek Dam, Oregon, \$15,920,000.

Idaho — Ririe Dam, \$7,027,000; Blackfoot Dam, \$829,000.

Washington — Wynoochee River, \$40,211,000.

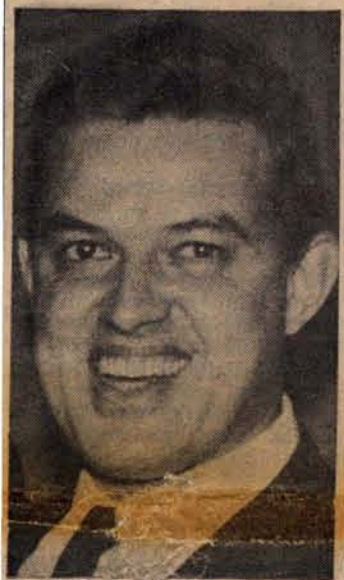
#### JORDAN DELIGHTED

BOISE (AP)—Sen. Len Jordan, R-Idaho, said Friday he was delighted his Senate colleagues had been able to prevail over House conferees to retain the Bruces Eddy dam project.

Jordan said he had appealed personally to Senate conferees R. S. Kerr, D-Okla., R. R. Cooper, R-Ky, and H. L. Fong, R-Hawaii, to "hold fast on the Bruces Eddy project which was not included in the public works bill passed by the House of Representatives."

"Senator Cooper advised me Friday evening that they had been successful in keeping this much needed project in the bill as passed."

Jordan said he would seek legislation to change the name of the project to Dworshak dam in honor of the late Sen. Henry Dworshak, R-Idaho, who pioneered the project.



SEN. FRANK CHURCH