

Sen. Church Says He'll Filibuster For Bruces Eddy

Idaho Solon Claims He'll Hold Floor 'As Long As God Gives Me Strength' For Inclusion of Clearwater Project

WASHINGTON AP — Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, threatened a one-man filibuster Thursday if the Bruces Eddy Dam project in northern Idaho is left out of the omnibus rivers and harbors authorization bill. The project,

Session End Now Viewed Likely Today

WASHINGTON AP—A vote-weary Congress broke through one roadblock Thursday in its crawl toward adjournment but bumped into another and was forced to put off adjournment at least until today.

The deadlock that was pried open was on the \$5.4-billion agriculture appropriations bill which had become the stage for a Senate-House prestige battle.

Senate-House conferees reached a compromise—which didn't settle the basic prestige issue—and the measure was passed by the House after which it adjourned until today. The Senate approved the bill, also by voice vote.

This left only three major obstacles to ending a session that already has gone on longer than any since 1951.

Two of these are appropriation measures that must be passed before adjournment but no real difficulty is expected in clearing them.

The third and final obstacle is an authorization bill for future water projects—sometimes called pork barrel projects—to be financed by appropriations to be voted later.

It appeared that the House won a good share of the argument with the Senate over a \$25-million item senators added to the \$5.4-billion farm money bill to finance research in new uses of surplus crops.

The compromise cut out nearly \$20 million of these funds including \$1.6 million for a peanut-uses laboratory at Dawson, Ga., which had been championed by Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga.

After the research item deadlocked the agricultural funds bill, Russell denied that he was fighting merely for the Dawson laboratory but instead was challenging the House's long-asserted right to originate all appropriations legislation.

on the North Fork of the Clearwater River upstream from Orofino, was included in the Senate version of the bill but was not in the House measure.

Also not included in the House bill were the Burns Creek Dam in eastern Idaho and the Knowles Dam in Montana.

Sees Burns Creek Dead

Church said that House members of a Senate-House conference committee are insisting all three projects be left out of the compromise measure on which agreement is sought.

The Idahoan said he believes there is no chance of getting the Burns Creek approval because that project was turned down by the House itself on a roll call vote.

Bruces Eddy is another matter, he said, adding:

"If the House won't permit Bruces Eddy to stay in the bill, then I intend to hold the Senate floor as long as God gives me the strength to stand.

Cites Dworshak's Work

"This is not just my fight. It is Henry Dworshak's fight too."

The reference was to the late Henry Dworshak, Idaho Republican senator who died last summer.

"Dworshak worked for 10 years before his death trying to get Bruces Eddy approved and I won't desert him now that he's gone," Church said.

"I have championed the cause of the conservationists when I thought they were right. I was floor manager for the wilderness bill in the Senate last year because I believed in it. But I will oppose these groups with the same vigor when I think they are wrong.

"Bruces Eddy is needed for power and flood control. Its benefits far outweigh its drawbacks. We must have added storage upstream, and the alternative high dam sites which are left to be developed in Idaho, like Penny Cliffs on the Middle Fork of the Clearwater and the sites on the Salmon River, would do irreparable injury to both our fish runs and our wildlife.

"It is worse than shortsighted to oppose Bruces Eddy, which will do the least damage to these resources while conferring the most benefit in terms of the added storage we must have."