

## Senate Passes Dickey Dam Authorization Bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The \$271 million plan to control the wild rivers of northern Maine for safer flows for New England passed the Senate Tuesday on a voice vote.

The hydro-electric project where the St. John River meets the Allagash River has the backing of President Johnson and the four-member Maine congressional delegation.

The Maine project was included in the catch-all authorization bill for numerous flood control and navigation proposals scattered throughout the country. The bill now goes to the House.

The Maine project is considered the first step in realization of the long-contemplated \$1 billion-plus Passamaquoddy Tidal Power Project, a scheme for harnessing the St. Lawrence Maine-Canadian coast. The tidal-

harnessing project is, at the present time, considered economically unfeasible because of a rise in interest rates.

Johnson has ordered further study of the tidal harnessing project which would be hooked into the St. John River power project. The upper St. John River development will have a 79,000-kilowatt power supply at two dams at the Dickey and Lincoln school sites.

If the House approves the project, Congress at a later date will have to appropriate the funds to get engineering studies under way.

Also, since the project will be located partly on international territory, the consent of Canadian officials is necessary.

The only larger project in the \$2 billion authorization bill winning Senate approval was the

\$278 million Grand River Flood Control Project in Missouri.

Other New England projects in the bill were \$19.9 million for channel improvements at Providence Harbor, R.I.; a \$340,000 protection project for the Cliff Walk at Newport, R.I.; a \$3,201,000 hurricane flood protection and beach erosion control project at Westerly, R.I.; a \$51 million channel improvement and flood control development along the Housatonic River in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York; a \$4.3 million hurricane protection project at Stratford, Conn.; a \$12.3 million Boston Harbor improvement project at Weymouth-Forest and Town Rivers.

sage of the Dickey-Lincoln School dam project by voice vote in the Senate Tuesday.

Edmund S. Muskie said: "Today's action by the Senate in passing the Rivers and Harbors Bill brings us another step closer to achievement of the Dickey-Lincoln School project.

The bill now goes to the House of Representatives with Dickey-Lincoln School approved by the President and by the Senate.

"We should have authorization of the project before this session of Congress is concluded. After many years of hard labor and study which have gone into the project I am heartened by the rapid progress which we have been able to make this month," Muskie said.

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President Johnson looks toward Secretary of State Dean Rusk during session in the White House Tuesday.

## Johnson To Air Major Decisions On Viet Nam At Press Talk Today

By FRANK CORMIER  
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson stepped up the tempo of his Viet Nam policy talks Tuesday and scheduled a news conference Wednesday at which he will report on his conclusions from the talks.

Johnson's news conference, which will be broadcast nationally by radio and television net-

works, will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the East Room of the White House.

In advance of the meeting with reporters, Johnson set up a final round of policy conferences. Included were his Cabinet, the National Security Council, Democratic and Republican congressional leaders and bipartisan delegations from House and Senate committees most directly concerned with developments in Viet Nam — appropriations, armed services and foreign relations.

Johnson has been presiding at a steady round of top level meetings to hammer out new policies in the wake of Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara's special five-day mission to South Viet Nam. These talks, under way since McNamara's return last Wednesday, reached their climax Tuesday.

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## Jets Blast 2 Missile Sites In No. Viet, 3 Planes Lost

WASHINGTON (AP) — Air Force jets streaked in at low level Tuesday and bombed two antiaircraft missile sites in North Viet Nam. Pilots reported one site destroyed and the other damaged.

Three F105 fighter bombers cut off attacking force of two planes were shot down by intense antiaircraft gunfire, U.S. spokesmen said.

Two pilots were seen parachuting from their stricken planes, the Defense Department said. Radio Hanoi reported six U.S. planes were shot down and three American pilots were captured.

The Pentagon announcement came three days after an Air Force F4C Phantom jet fighter bomber was downed in a raid near Hanoi.

At the time, the Defense De-

partment said there were indications that the Phantom was struck by a ground-to-air antiaircraft missile. Asst. Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester confirmed this Tuesday.

U.S. officials have assumed that, as in Cuba, Soviet technicians and possibly Soviet service personnel have been installing the sites and probably would man the weapons at first.

The missiles and their related equipment are Soviet-made.

The raid Tuesday was aimed at two previously undiscovered surface missile sites about 40 miles northwest of Hanoi. Also struck were barracks used by personnel at the sites.

The two new sites, the Pentagon said, used antiaircraft equipment which could be installed in as little as 24 hours.

They are in addition to five

missile sites around Hanoi previously identified and described as under construction.

Sylvester, at a news conference, said these five original sites "are not operational so far as we know." They do not "relate to military targets on the priority list," he said.

Republican critics of the Johnson administration have been calling for strikes to knock out the five original sites which are ranged in a circle about 15 miles from the North Viet Nam capital.

An Air Force spokesman said that the 44 striking planes were protected by fighter escorts that probably stayed above the bat-

tle range of the missile sites.

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"The President hopes to discuss with you and, through you, with the people the matters that have been under discussion for the past several days," Moyers said.

In response to a question, he said Johnson could be expected to reveal any conclusions he has reached as a result of the talks.

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After delivering his speech Humphrey toned down the sentence to say "these decisions touch the lives of thousands of American families."

Humphrey's press secretary, Robert Jensen, said the White House, which saw the original speech, did not direct the change, but Humphrey himself insisted on the change.

## 7-Year, \$33 Million Transport Study Aired

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$33 million highway building program for the Portland area — the bulk of which is scheduled for the next seven years — was recommended by the State Highway Commission Tuesday.

The recommendations, already announced and planned in the transportation study, are the first comprehensive transportation study conducted in Maine.

A second study, covering the Lewiston-Auburn area, is scheduled for completion in December.

The Portland area plan is based on highway, air, water and other public transportation needs projected to 1985. The bulk of the program, however, is concentrated on the highway program.

Generally, the study envisions a greater shift to suburban living, thus a greater dependence on highway transportation.

The study, prepared by Edwards and Kelcey, engineers and consultants, included recommendations for projects already in the planning stages.

That phase of the program, estimated at about \$28.5 million, has been termed the "seven-year program" by SHC officials. About \$1.5 million will be federal money under the Interstate highway program.

Specifically, that phase covers the new Portland Interstate 295 from Tukey's Bridge to a connection with the Maine Turnpike the study recommends in the new Portland area. A proposed Westbrook route, the so-called Westbrook arterial, a divided highway connecting downtown Portland and the Interstate system with the central area of Westbrook and Route 25 toward Gorham.

Both the Interstate and so-called Scarborough connector, to the

turnpike, and the Preble Street extension from Congress Street to Forest Avenue.

Long-range proposals include a bypass of Route 302 into Portland, between the Westbrook city line and downtown Portland. The bypass would utilize, in addition to new roadway, a portion of existing water Boulevard and the Preble Street extension.

Humphrey gave no clues at what might be involved in the way of money, men and arms to be thrown into the expanding war in Viet Nam.

In the draft of his speech re-

leased for publication ahead of delivery time, Humphrey referred to decisions that have been reached over the past few days and added:

"These decisions touch the lives of thousands of American families. They could mean the expenditure of great resources — of money, material, and yes, human life."

But before he got around to making the speech, the Vice President changed these words to say merely that:

"These decisions touch the lives of thousands of American families."

The original speech was cleared by the White House.

Humphrey's press secretary, Robert Jensen, said the changes were not made at the original speech, but by Humphrey himself because he thought the words were somewhat misleading and subject to misinterpretation.

There was one other change, plus an insert of some new material. A sentence in the original said that: "In South Viet Nam the Communist aggressors seek to demonstrate decisively that murder and terrorism — and not peaceful coexistence — is the path to eventual Communist triumph."

After a working over, this sentence was changed to:

## City Council Votes, 5-3, Final Approval To Build Bramhall Square Fire Station

By WILLIAM H. WILLIAMSON  
City Hall Reporter

The Portland City Council has voted 5-3 to proceed with construction of a new fire station at Bramhall Square.

Councilors okayed the project at a special meeting to allow the contractor, Cimino Construction Co. Inc., to start as soon as possible — hopefully within a week.

In approving the project, councilors made several minor cost-cutting changes. They scrapped a \$4,000 bronze city insignia, wall-to-wall carpeting in the station's small library and restrooms. Total savings came to about \$7,000.

Thus, the contract awarded to Cimino calls for construction at a cost of \$270,000. To finance the station the city will have to take \$50,000 from funds earmarked for a new fire station in North Deering, and must use another \$18,000 left over from funds allocated to buy the Bramhall Square site.

THIS YEAR'S capital improvement program (CIP) in-

cluded \$224,000 for the Bramhall station. Because of the higher-than-expected construction cost, plus architect's fees, furnishings and partial realignment of Congress Street lights, the total cost has been pushed to \$324,000.

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## Senate OK Expected Today House Approves Medicare Program By 307-116 Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House gave final approval Tuesday to the expansion of the Social Security system to provide hospital care and other health services for older Americans. The vote was 307 to 116.

Rep. Hale Boggs of Louisiana, the assistant Democratic leader, said the measure would be passed. "The people will rise up and say bless you for the work we will complete today."

The measure was sent to the Senate, which was poised for a quick action. The bill is of top priority to the Johnson administration and was expected to be speeded to the President's desk for signing.

Senate leaders called up the bill late Tuesday, but put the final vote over until Wednesday. Both the House and the Senate voted 3 to 1 for the measure earlier. But the Senate made 513 changes in the House bill, and a compromise measure was prepared by a conference committee. It was that compromise measure which won House approval against token resistance.

The bill, a major breakthrough in American social welfare, would among other things: provide virtually all Americans 65 or older of hospitalization and nursing home care at low cost.

It gives them the opportunity of joining a government-supervised insurance program that will help them pay most doctor bills.

It increases by 7 per cent, retroactively to last Jan. 1, benefits

## Prayer For Today

Our Father God, Maker of heaven and earth, who created the vastness of Thy creation has not caused Thee to lessen Thy concern for us nor for the needs that fall from each one. Each here is beyond our understanding. Make us willing to receive it and to live our days secure in the love of Thy Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## Reed Has Strong Support For Governor's Chairman

By DONALD C. HANSEN  
State House Reporter

MINNEAPOLIS — St. Albans Gov. John H. Reed has the backing of the majority of the nominating committee to become the new chairman of the national governors conference.

Gov. John W. King, D-New Hampshire; John A. Volpe, R-Massachusetts; and Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, D-California, all favor Reed for the post, it was learned Tuesday.

The other two members of the nominating committee, Gov. Robert E. Slayke, R-Idaho, and Harold E. Hughes, D-Iowa, are both understood to be uncommitted.

The only other governors believed to be in the race for the chairmanship — which this year must go to a Republican — are Colorado's John A. Love and Montana's Tim Babcock.

Sentiment of the majority of the post should go to an Eastern governor, it was said. The post has been held by a governor from the West for the past two years.

The nation's 17 Republican governors will caucus Wednesday to select the names of two candidates for the post. Reed is one of the two nominated by the Republicans, he is expected to be assured because he is acceptable to Democrats and because he owns the majority of votes on the nominating committee.

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