

Dickey Proposal Is Reported In Serious Difficulty

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WASHINGTON — The fate of the \$227 million federal hydroelectric power proposal at Dickey on the St. John River will be decided this week in Congress amid growing reports that the proposal is in serious difficulty.

Both proponents and opponents of the federal power project are predicting an extremely close vote at the meeting in the House Tuesday. It has already passed the Senate.

An opponent of the project, Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill, D-Mass., predicts that "only four" of New England's 23 congressmen would support the project.

SUPPORTERS of the project say O'Neill was probably low in his estimate of four votes for the bill but conceded that there's plenty of opposition from within the New England delegation to the project.

Donald E. Nicoll, administrative assistant to Democratic U. S. Sen. Edmund S. Muskie, charged that House members of the New England delegation are being subjected to a barrage of "distorted material" on the project from New England utility companies.

Nicoll claimed that the power companies are flooding New England congressmen with propaganda "which has misrepresented the economics related to Dickey-Lincoln School and which has nothing to do with the eyes of those who are making the real facts about the power companies' rates now and in the future."

O'Neill said that Rep. Frank Clark, D-Pa., would submit an amendment that would eliminate the Dickey project from the \$1.97 billion omnibus Public Works bill.

"I SUSPECT," said O'Neill, "that the vote will be very close one way or the other."

O'Neill, the only New England member of the House Rules Committee that set debate on the Public Works bill for the House, said the passage of the Dickey proposal would not help the small part of the state of Maine and not the power development of the entire New England area.

O'Neill said that "Hathaway" (Maline Second District, U. S. Rep. William D. Hathaway) is working hard for the bill but O'Neill said he was hopeful that it would be defeated.

An administrative aide to New Hampshire Democratic Rep. J. Olive Huot said "It's certainly true that the power companies have been extremely active in opposing Dickey." He said Huot was "sitting on the fence on this one" and hasn't yet decided how to vote.

THREE HOURS of debate has been scheduled for the Public Works bill Tuesday, although there's always the possibility that it might not get under-

way until Wednesday or even later.

The bill, according to Maine First District Republican U. S. Rep. Stanley Tupper, "will be wide open to remain in the manner they feel best." There was no way of knowing, however, in what form — if indeed at all — White House action might come.

A qualified Washington source said that the White House will make its views known to the Senate in the manner they feel best. There was no way of knowing, however, in what form — if indeed at all — White House action might come.

A White House source said that congressional liaison man Lawrence O'Brien of the White House is soon to become the new Postmaster General. He will be up on the Hill on the entire bill, you can be sure of that."

"It's safe to assume," the source said, "that the President has a deep interest in Dickey because he proposed it and because he takes a deep interest in all the measures he sends to Congress."

TUPPER's administrative assistant Henry Albert said he's "hopeful" of pas-

sage because the measure received a slim vote of approval from the House Public Works Committee but there was no undue optimism.

The Dickey project isn't the only portion of the omnibus Public Works bill scheduled to come under fire. Proposed power projects in Georgia and West Virginia are also being heavily criticized as well as funds to begin a major dredging project between Port Worth, Tex., and the Gulf of Mexico.

BARRON, a national business and financial weekly newspaper, in its Sept. 13 issue printed an article critical of the project, especially of the marketing of the power from Dickey and of its cost-benefit ratio.

The article says in part that Maine's "representatives are discreditable" estimating that "passage of the project will be worth three terms in Congress for Democratic freshman representative William Hathaway."

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U. of M. Prexy And Family

Dr. H. Edwin Young, new president of the University of Maine, and Mrs. Young pose with three members of their family. At left is Dorothy Ann, 10. Mrs. Young holds Barbara Joan, 16 months, and Nathan Carl, 8, sits at his parents feet. Their other

children are John Holden Young, 18, a University of Wisconsin freshman, and Mrs. Joaquin Coelho, the eldest of the Young children who is married to a student doing graduate work at Wisconsin.

Pope-LBJ Meeting Set For Oct. 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson definitely will meet with Pope Paul VI in New York City on Oct. 4.

While such a meeting has been anticipated, the formal announcement came Saturday from the White House which said Johnson is looking forward to it.

This will be the fourth meeting between an American president and a returning pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church but the first on American soil.

Pope Paul will be in New York for 13 hours, principally to address the United Nations and to celebrate an event. Mass for peace in the United Nations.

The University of Maine's new president, Dr. H. Edwin Young, predicted Maine will be able to get a large share of federal research grants from the National Science Foundation to have distributed on a more geographical basis.

In a telephone interview Dr. Young said that the University of Wisconsin, where he now is dean of the College of Letters and Science, has been one of the fortunate universities which have received a greater share of the grants.

At Maine, he said, he plans to follow the same policy of trying to raise funds through federal grants, foundations, the state legislature and from private sources.

Maine presently receives about \$1.5 million in federal aid.

DR. YOUNG has had considerable success in getting grants from foundations. One of the latest was an \$800,000 Ford grant to set up a Center for Research in Vocational Education.

He said the center hopes to find out what research has been done in vocational education and act as a clearing house for information as well as to engage in research itself.

He has also coordinated another Ford grant to provide economic education for government officials in Asian countries.

The project has been under way in Indonesia since 1958 and this year started in the Philippines.

The 48-year-old educator was named 10th president

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