

21. (REPORT ON LEGISLATION - W.O. 1141.) The following legislation was brought to the Commission's attention for its information.

1. Assembly Concurrent Resolution 109 has been passed by the Legislature. This resolution sets up a joint Legislative Committee on Impounded Funds from Tide and Submerged Lands. The legislative committee is to "ascertain, study, and analyze all facts" with respect to the handling and disposition of the impounded funds, the bills introduced in the 1953 Legislature affecting the funds, and to report to the 1954 Legislature its findings. The committee will not be named until the early part of July.

Assemblyman Tomlinson, the author of A.C.R. 109, states that it is his thought that this resolution should have no effect on the handling under present law of the impounded funds, since the major portion, if released, is subject to legislative appropriation from the Beaches and Parks Fund.

2. Senate Resolution 109 (Senate Journal, April 22, P. 2119) was passed by the Senate. This resolution sets up a Senate Interim Committee on Oil and Gas Development on State land. The committee will consist of five Senators, and will soon be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. The Interim Committee is directed to "ascertain, study, and analyze all facts relating to the development of oil and gas on and from lands owned by this State and those lands in which the mineral interests are owned by this State, and the operation, effect, administration, enforcement and needed revision of any and all laws in any way bearing upon or relating to the subject of this resolution, and to report thereon to the Senate, including in the reports its recommendation for appropriate legislation."

The latter resolution was successful in stopping piecemeal legislation that might have affected adversely the leasing of tide and submerged lands.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 11 a.m. to reconvene at 2 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 2 p.m.

Present: James S. Dean, Chairman  
Goodwin J. Knight, Member  
Robert C. Kirkwood, Member

Staff Members in Attendance:

Rufus W. Putnam, Executive Officer  
J. Stuart Watson, Assistant Executive Officer  
F. J. Hortig, Mineral Resources Engineer

Others in Attendance:

Edmund G. Brown, Attorney General  
Everett W. Mattoon, Assistant Attorney General  
A. Earl Washburn, Deputy Director of Finance  
Ralph McCarthy, Administrative Adviser, Controller's Office