

STATE ASSOCIATION OF
WASHINGTON IRRIGATION DISTRICTS

LEGISLATIVE REPORT
(Status of Bills as of March 11, 1969)

HB-52: Increase irrigation directors compensation and fee for mileage: This bill has passed the Legislature and will no doubt become law. Steps will be immediately taken to find out the date that this law is effective, and whether or not the present directors may receive this increase, or whether they must wait until they are re-elected.

HB-176: A person receiving a \$400 a month pension could receive no public employment. This bill might keep us from employing persons who had a great deal of background, and whom we might need for a short time. Is probably dead for this session, but will be re-introduced.

HB-178: Allowing irrigation districts to acquire certain water districts: Probably dead for this session, but should have a good chance in the next session.

HB-185: This establishes new unemployment compensation rate for public employees. It probably will be introduced.

HB-255: This would make it easier to buy or sell surplus property from one government unit to another. It is probably dead.

HB-266: Regarding relinquishment of water use rights. This is a bill that we are fighting, and we hope it is dead for this session.

HB-393: Intergovernmental purchases: Probably dead for this session.

HB-427 & HB-636: These two bills establish a Board and Department of Water Resources, and this bill is the result of the work which was done by the committee where we were represented by Henry Alexander and Paul LeMergie. HB-427 follows their recommendation much closer than HB-636. This bill is likely to be re-introduced.

HB-477: Advocates change in the Columbia Basin Commission, and looks like it could be dead for this session.

HB-570: Has to do with compensation of public officials and employees, and is probably dead for this session.

HB-606: Adoption of a Columbia River Interstate Compact. This will probably be re-introduced.

SB-221: Municipal Corporation Claim Procedure: This bill has passed the Legislature, and will probably help you in processing your claims. We have the following information from the State Auditor: (See Page 2 - copy of letter)