

March 28, 1955.
Appropriation.

House File 536
By CONSERVATION, DRAINAGE, AND
FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE

Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to appropriate to the state conservation commission from the general fund of the state of Iowa forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000.00) for the improvement of Allerton state reservoir in Wayne county.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated to the state
- 2 conservation commission from the general fund of the state of
- 3 Iowa the sum of forty-four thousand dollars (\$44,000.00) or so
- 4 much thereof as is necessary to be used in the development and
- 5 improvement of Allerton state reservoir in Wayne county.

EXPLANATION OF H. F. 536

An act was passed in 1945 in the 51st General Assembly appropriating \$15,000 for the purchase of Allerton Reservoir from the Chicago, Rock Island, Pacific Railroad Company. This reservoir consists of 106 acres under water and in all, 351 acres. This is planted to trees and is used as a recreation park. In 1954 there were 23,507 visitors to this park. In the 53rd General Assembly, the commission set aside from their general appropriation, \$50,000 for improvement and development of this park and lake. This money has all been used and at the present time there are no funds for further development. During the droughts of 1953 and 1954, this was the only place in the county that could furnish water to the farmers and towns. In 1954 water was shipped by rail. 60,000 gallons every other day was shipped to Seymour, Iowa. Also Mineville, Iowa, depended on this lake for school and town use. Hundreds of farmers hauled water for household and stock use. Before the fall rains started, the water in the lake receded to within ten inches of pumping intake and if the drought had continued very much longer, the supply would have been exhausted. This appropriation would be used to raise the spillway and other developments that would be necessary. This is deemed necessary as an emergency measure to offset droughts that might occur in the future.

The preliminary cost estimate on the items of construction, land acquisitions, and other work necessary to raise the existing crest of the Allerton reservoir three to four feet is as follows.

Land acquisition	50 acres at \$100.00	\$ 5,000.00
Spillway additions		15,800.00
Earthwork, clearing and grubbing, etc.		6,240.00
Reconstruct fishing access parking		500.00
Relocate park road and bridge		3,000.00
Bathing beach additions		500.00
Fencing		1,800.00
Remedial work—stilling basin		5,000.00
	Total	<u>\$37,840.00</u>
	Plus contingencies 10%	3,784.00
	Engineering and surveys	2,376.00
	Total estimate	<u>\$44,000.00</u>