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FLOOD PROBLEMS OF SKAGIT RIVER WILL COME UP AT SEATTLE

HEARING TOO BE HELD IN SEATTLE NEXT WEEK - LEGISLATURE URGED TO ASK CONGRESS FOR HELP

The committee which has had charge of the investigation of plans for controlling floods in the Skagit River has found that the problem is too large for Skagit county, or even the state, to tackle alone. Consequently the committee passed a resolution at a meeting held this week urging the legislature to memorialize congress for federal aid in solving the Skagit River flood proposition. At the same time the committee considered the matter of sending a delegation from the county to the hearing to be held in Seattle next Monday, January 22, by Col. E. H. Schultz, of the federal engineering staff. At this hearing to be held at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, all persons interested in river or flood control problems are invited to express their views. This meeting is held in accordance with a recent act of congress and the special matters to be taken up are flood conditions along the Skagit River and of several rivers in King county.

The Skagit River committee urged the employment of an engineer of national reputation on river data to suggest a feasible plan to control the river and eliminate the annual danger of heavy damages in the valley from floods. The federal field engineer has been busily at work securing data but has not made any official report yet. It is expected that the county committee will send a strong delegation to the Seattle meeting, as there is no inclination to drop the matter of flood prevention at this time, and the committee

expects to continue on the job until every possible action has been taken.