

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 9, 1941.

The Budget Commission met at the office of the Secretary with all members present and proceeded to the home of Colonel S.M. Ward, former member of the Commission, for a discussion of the suit sponsored by the Budget Commission against the South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.

It was the sentiment of the members as expressed at this meeting that the authority conferred upon the attorneys in the contract with the Commission had been exceeded in asking damages to the extent of One Billion Dollars. It was brought out at this meeting that the contract with the attorneys specifically stipulated that the action should be "for the recovery of the properties commonly known as The Columbia Canal, properties appurtenant thereto, or the value thereof."

On motion it was agreed that the contract with the attorneys be made public along with any statement the Commission should issue.

After further discussion the Commission agreed to meet on July 10 at 3:30 o'clock in the Governor's office and the Secretary was instructed to ask the two attorneys and the engineer employed by the Commission to be present at this meeting.

The Commission then adjourned.

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