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Mr. ORTIZ (for himself and Mr. THORNBERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Drought
3 Relief Act of 1996”.

4 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.**

5 (a) CORPUS CHRISTI.—

6 (1) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—For the
7 purpose of providing emergency drought relief, the
8 Secretary of the Interior shall defer all principal and
9 interest payments without penalty or accrued inter-
10 est for a period of 5 years for the city of Corpus
11 Christi, Texas, and the Nueces River Authority
12 under contract No. ~~6-07-01-X0675~~ involving the
13 Nueces River Reclamation Project, Texas: *Provided,*
14 That the city of Corpus Christi shall commit to use
15 the funds thus made available exclusively for the ac-
16 quisition of or construction of facilities related to al-
17 ternative sources of water supply.

18 (2) ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.—If construction of
19 facilities related to alternative water supplies re-
20 ferred to in paragraph (1) requires a Federal permit
21 for use of Bureau of Reclamation lands or facilities,
22 the Secretary shall issue such permits within 90
23 days after the date of enactment of this Act, rec-
24 ognizing the environmental impact statement
25 ~~FES74-54~~ and the environmental assessment dated

1 March 1991 (relating to the Lavaca-Navidad River
2 Authority Pipeline permit).

3 (b) ~~CANADIAN RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHOR-~~
4 ~~ITY.—~~

5 (1) ~~RECOGNITION OF TRANSFER OF LANDS TO~~
6 ~~THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—~~All obligations and
7 associated debt under contract No. 14-06-500-485
8 for land and related relocations transferred to the
9 National Park Service to form the Lake Meredith
10 National Recreation Area under Public Law 101-
11 628, in the amount of \$4,000,000, shall be non-
12 reimbursable. The Secretary shall recalculate the re-
13 payment schedule of the Canadian River Municipal
14 Water Authority to reflect the determination of the
15 preceding sentence and to implement the revised re-
16 payment schedule within one year of the date of en-
17 actment of this Act.

18 (2) ~~EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—~~The Sec-
19 retary shall defer all principal and interest payments
20 without penalty or accrued interest for a period of
21 3 years for the Canadian River Municipal Water Au-
22 thority under contract No. 14-06-500-485 as emer-
23 gency drought relief to enable construction of addi-
24 tional water supply and conveyance facilities.

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7 *purpose of providing emergency drought relief, the*
8 *Secretary of the Interior shall defer all principal and*
9 *interest payments without penalty or accrued interest*
10 *for the 5-year period beginning on the date of enact-*
11 *ment of this Act for the city of Corpus Christi, Texas,*
12 *and the Nueces River Authority under contract No.*
13 *6–07–01–X0675 involving the Nueces River Reclama-*
14 *tion Project, Texas: Provided, That the city of Corpus*
15 *Christi shall commit to use the funds thus made*
16 *available exclusively for the acquisition of or con-*
17 *struction of facilities related to alternative sources of*
18 *water supply.*

19 *(2) ISSUANCE OF PERMITS.—If construction of*
20 *facilities related to alternative water supplies referred*
21 *to in paragraph (1) requires a Federal permit for use*
22 *of Bureau of Reclamation lands or facilities, the Sec-*
23 *retary shall issue such permits within 90 days after*
24 *the date of enactment of this Act, recognizing the en-*
25 *vironmental impact statement FES74–54 and the en-*
26 *vironmental assessment dated March 1991 (relating to*

1 *the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Pipeline per-*
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10 *tional Recreation Area under Public Law 101-628,*
11 *in the amount of \$4,000,000, shall be nonreimburs-*
12 *able. The Secretary shall recalculate the repayment*
13 *schedule of the Canadian River Municipal Water Au-*
14 *thority to reflect the determination of the preceding*
15 *sentence and to implement the revised repayment*
16 *schedule within one year of the date of enactment of*
17 *this Act.*

18 **(2) EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF.—***The Sec-*
19 *retary shall defer all principal and interest payments*
20 *without penalty or accrued interest for the 3-year pe-*
21 *riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act*
22 *for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority*
23 *under contract No. 14-06-500-485 as emergency*
24 *drought relief to enable construction of additional*
25 *water supply and conveyance facilities.*