

Union Calendar No. 520

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3986

[Report No. 106-864]

To provide for a study of the engineering feasibility of a water exchange in lieu of electrification of the Chandler Pumping Plant at Prosser Diversion Dam, Washington.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2000

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 19, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 15, 2000]

A BILL

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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. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWERPLANT**
 2 **OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION DAM,**
 3 **WASHINGTON.**

4 *Section 1208 of Public Law 103–434 (108 Stat. 4562)*
 5 *is amended—*

6 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

7 *(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting*
 8 *“OR WATER EXCHANGE” after “ELECTRIFICA-*
 9 *TION”;*

10 *(B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),*
 11 *and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-*
 12 *spectively, and indenting appropriately;*

13 *(C) by striking “In order to” and inserting*
 14 *the following:*

15 *“(1) ELECTRIFICATION.—In order to”; and*

16 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

17 *“(2) WATER EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE.—*

18 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—As an alternative to the*
 19 *measures authorized under paragraph (1) for*
 20 *electrification, the Secretary is authorized to use*
 21 *not more than \$4,000,000 of sums appropriated*
 22 *under paragraph (1) to study the engineering*
 23 *feasibility of exchanging water from the Colum-*
 24 *bia River for water historically diverted from the*
 25 *Yakima River.*

“(B) *REQUIREMENTS.*—*In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in coordination with the Kennewick Irrigation District and in consultation with the Bonneville Power Administration, shall—*

“(i) *prepare a report that describes project benefits and contains feasibility level designs and cost estimates;*

“(ii) *secure the critical right-of-way areas for the pipeline alignment;*

“(iii) *prepare an environmental assessment; and*

“(iv) *conduct such other studies or investigations as are necessary to develop a water exchange.”;*

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “or water exchange” after “electrification”; and

(B) in the second sentence of paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “or the equivalent of the rate” before the period;

(3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrification,” each place it appears and inserting “electrification or water exchange”; and

- 1 (4) *in subsection (d), by striking “of the two”*
- 2 *and inserting “thereof”.*

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