

Union Calendar No. 512

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4847

[Report No. 106–856]

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain amounts received by the United States pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 13, 2000

Mr. DOOLEY of California (for himself, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. RADANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 18, 2000

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Reclamation Reform
5 Refund Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFUND OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER**
2 **RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF 1982.**

3 (a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to the availability
4 of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior is author-
5 ized and directed to refund fully amounts received by the
6 United States as payments for charges assessed by the
7 Secretary before January 1, 1994, for failure to file or
8 properly file certain certification or reporting forms pursu-
9 ant to sections 206 and 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform
10 Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) prior to the re-
11 ceipt of irrigation water. Such refunds shall be made re-
12 gardless of whether such payments were required by the
13 United States, were made pursuant to a compromise or
14 settlement (whether court approved or otherwise), or were
15 otherwise received by the United States. Any refund
16 issued pursuant to this subsection shall include the
17 amount of associated interest assessed by the Secretary
18 and paid to the United States pursuant to section 224(i)
19 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 390ww(i)).

20 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—Except with respect to
21 the 1987 water year, refunds made pursuant to subsection
22 (a) shall be reduced by an administrative fee of \$260 for
23 each failure to file a certification or reporting form.

24 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
26 \$3,000,000.

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