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S. 2163

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2000

Mr. GORTON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWER-**
4 **PLANT OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION**
5 **DAM, WASHINGTON.**

6 Section 1208 of Public Law 103–434 (108 Stat.
7 4562) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
2 “OR WATER EXCHANGE” after “ELECTRIFICA-
3 TION”;

4 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2),
5 and (3) as subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C), re-
6 spectively, and indenting appropriately;

7 (C) by striking “In order to” and inserting
8 the following:

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

10 (D) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(2) WATER EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As an alternative to
13 the measures authorized under paragraph (1),
14 the Secretary may use sums appropriated under
15 paragraph (1) to study the engineering feasi-
16 bility of exchanging water from the Columbia
17 River for water historically diverted from the
18 Yakima River.

19 “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out
20 subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation
21 with the Kennewick Irrigation District, shall—

22 “(i) prepare a report that describes
23 project benefits, contains feasibility level
24 designs and cost estimates, and secures the

1 critical right-of-way areas for the pipeline
2 alignment;

3 “(ii) prepare an environmental assess-
4 ment; and

5 “(iii) conduct such other studies or in-
6 vestigations as are necessary to develop a
7 water exchange.”;

8 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by inserting “or water
9 exchange” after “electrification”; and

10 (3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrifica-
11 tion,” each place it appears and inserting “elec-
12 trification or water exchange”.

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