

# Calendar No. 937

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 2163

[Report No. 106-488]

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.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2000

Mr. GORTON (for himself and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

APRIL 12, 2000

Committee discharged; referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

OCTOBER 4 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, with an amendment

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

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## 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 POWER-**  
 2 **PLANT OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION**  
 3 **DAM, WASHINGTON.**

4 Section 1208 of Public Law 103-434 (108 Stat.  
 5 4562) 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  
 19 the measures authorized under paragraph (1),  
 20 the Secretary may use sums appropriated under  
 21 paragraph (1) to study the engineering feasi-  
 22 bility of exchanging water from the Columbia  
 23 River for water historically diverted from the  
 24 Yakima River.

1           “(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out  
2           subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in cooperation  
3           with the Kennewick Irrigation District, shall—

4                   “(i) prepare a report that describes  
5                   project benefits, contains feasibility level  
6                   designs and cost estimates, and secures the  
7                   critical right-of-way areas for the pipeline  
8                   alignment;

9                   “(ii) prepare an environmental assess-  
10                  ment; and

11                  “(iii) conduct such other studies or in-  
12                  vestigations as are necessary to develop a  
13                  water exchange.”;

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

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

19   **SECTION 1. CHANDLER PUMPING PLANT AND POWERPLANT**  
20                   **OPERATIONS AT PROSSER DIVERSION DAM,**  
21                   **WASHINGTON.**

22           *Section 1208 of Public Law 103-434 (108 Stat. 4562)*  
23   *is amended—*

24           (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 the*  
13           *measures authorized under paragraph (1) for*  
14           *electrification, the Secretary is authorized to use*  
15           *not more than \$4,000,000 of sums appropriated*  
16           *under paragraph (1) to study the engineering*  
17           *feasibility of exchanging water from the Colum-*  
18           *bia River for water historically diverted from the*  
19           *Yakima River.*

20           “*(B) REQUIREMENTS.—In carrying out*  
21           *subparagraph (A), the Secretary, in coordination*  
22           *with the Kennewick Irrigation District and in*  
23           *consultation with the Bonneville Power Adminis-*  
24           *tration, shall—*

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

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

6           “(iii) prepare an environmental assess-  
7           ment; and

8           “(iv) conduct such other studies or in-  
9           vestigations as are necessary to develop a  
10          water exchange.”;

11          (2) in subsection (b)—

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

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

17          (3) in subsection (d), by striking “electrifica-  
18          tion,” each place it appears and inserting “elec-  
19          trification or water exchange”; and

20          (4) in subsection (d), by striking “of the two”  
21          and inserting “thereof”.

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