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# S. 3022

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation facilities to the Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2000

Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nampa and Meridian  
5 Conveyance Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) DISTRICT.—The term “District” means the  
9 Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District, Idaho.

1           (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
2           the Secretary of the Interior.

3           (b) CONVEYANCE OF FACILITIES.—As soon as prac-  
4           ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
5           retary shall convey to the District, in accordance with the  
6           memorandum of agreement between the Secretary and the  
7           District, dated July 7, 1999 (contract No. 1425–  
8           99MA102500), and all applicable law, all right, title, and  
9           interest of the United States in and to any portion of the  
10          canals, laterals, drains, and any other portion of the water  
11          distribution and drainage system that is operated or main-  
12          tained by the District for delivery of water to and drainage  
13          of water from land within the boundaries of the District.

14          (c) LIABILITY.—Effective on the date of the convey-  
15          ance of facilities under this Act, the United States shall  
16          not be liable for damages of any kind arising out of any  
17          act, omission, or occurrence based on prior ownership or  
18          operation of the conveyed facilities by the United States.

19          (d) EXISTING RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.—

20                 (1) NO EFFECT ON WATER RIGHTS.—No water  
21                 rights shall be transferred, modified, or otherwise af-  
22                 fected by the conveyance of facilities to the District  
23                 under this Act.

24                 (2) NO EFFECT ON CONTRACTUAL OR STATE  
25                 LAW.—The conveyance of facilities and interests to

1 the District under this Act shall not affect or abro-  
2 gate any provision of a contract executed by the  
3 United States, or any State law, regarding any right  
4 of an irrigation district to use water developed in the  
5 facilities conveyed.

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