

# Union Calendar No. 347

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2990

[Report No. 107-580]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 2, 2001

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. REYES, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 2, 2001]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Lower Rio Grande Val-*  
3 *ley Water Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of*  
4 *2001”.*

5 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS UNDER**

6 **THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WATER RE-**  
7 **SOURCES CONSERVATION AND IMPROVE-**  
8 **MENT ACT OF 2000.**

9 *Section 4(a) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water*  
10 *Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000*  
11 *(Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067) is amended by add-*  
12 *ing at the end the following:*

13 *“(5) In the United Irrigation District of Hidalgo*  
14 *County, Texas, a pipeline and pumping system as*  
15 *identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood, Associ-*  
16 *ates, Incorporated, study dated January 2001.*

17 *“(6) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation*  
18 *District No. 2, proposed improvements to Canal C, as*  
19 *identified in the February 8, 2001, engineering report*  
20 *by Martin, Brown, and Perez.*

21 *“(7) In the Cameron County, Texas, Irrigation*  
22 *District No. 2, a proposed Canal C and Canal 13*  
23 *Inner Connect, as identified in the February 12,*  
24 *2001, engineering report by Martin, Brown, and*  
25 *Perez.*

1           “(8) *In Delta Lake Irrigation District of Hi-*  
2           *dalgo and Willacy Counties, Texas, proposed water*  
3           *conservation projects, as identified by the AW Blair*  
4           *Engineering report of February 13, 2001.*

5           “(9) *In the Hidalgo and Cameron County,*  
6           *Texas, Irrigation District No. 9, a proposed project to*  
7           *salvage spill water using automatic control of canal*  
8           *gates as identified in the AW Blair Engineering re-*  
9           *port dated February 14, 2001.*

10           “(10) *In the Brownsville Irrigation District of*  
11           *Cameron County, Texas, a proposed main canal re-*  
12           *placement as outlined in the Holdar-Garcia & Associ-*  
13           *ates engineering report dated February 14, 2001.*

14           “(11) *In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation*  
15           *District No. 16, a proposed off-district pump station*  
16           *project as identified by the Melden & Hunt, Incor-*  
17           *porated, engineering report dated February 14, 2001.*

18           “(12) *In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation*  
19           *District No. 1, a proposed canal replacement of the*  
20           *North Branch East Main, as outlined in the Melden*  
21           *& Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis dated*  
22           *February, 2001.*

23           “(13) *In the Donna (Texas) Irrigation District,*  
24           *a proposed improvement project as identified by the*

1 *Melden & Hunt, Incorporated, engineering analysis*  
2 *dated February 13, 2001.*

3 “(14) *In the Hudspeth County, Texas, Conserva-*  
4 *tion and Reclamation District No. 1, the Alamo Ar-*  
5 *royo Pumping Plant water quality project as identi-*  
6 *fied by the engineering report and drawings by*  
7 *Gebhard-Sarma and Associates dated July 1996 and*  
8 *the construction of a 1,000 acre-foot off-channel regu-*  
9 *lating reservoir for the capture and conservation of*  
10 *irrigation water, as identified in the engineering re-*  
11 *port by AW Blair Engineering dated June 2002.*

12 “(15) *In the El Paso County, Texas, Water Im-*  
13 *provement District No. 1, the Riverside Canal Im-*  
14 *provement Project Phase I Reach A, a canal lining*  
15 *and water conservation project as identified by the*  
16 *engineering report by AW Blair Engineering dated*  
17 *June 2002.*

18 “(16) *In the Maverick County, Texas, Water Im-*  
19 *provement and Control District No. 1, the concrete*  
20 *lining project of 12 miles of the Maverick Main*  
21 *Canal, identified in the engineering report by AW*  
22 *Blair Engineering dated June 2002.*

23 “(17) *In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation*  
24 *District No. 6, rehabilitation of 10.2 miles of concrete*  
25 *lining in the main canal between Lift Stations Nos.*

1       2 and 3 as identified in the engineering report by AW  
2       Blair Engineering dated June 2002.

3               “(18) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation  
4       District No. 2, Wisconsin Canal Improvements as  
5       identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Asso-  
6       ciates, Incorporated, engineering report dated Feb-  
7       ruary 2001.

8               “(19) In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Irrigation  
9       District No. 2, Lateral ‘A’ Canal Improvements as  
10      identified in the Sigler, Winston, Greenwood & Asso-  
11      ciates, Incorporated, engineering report dated July  
12      25, 2001.”.

13   **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY**  
14                   **WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND IM-**  
15                   **PROVEMENT ACT OF 2000.**

16       *The Lower Rio Grande Valley Water Resources Con-*  
17      *servaion and Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-*  
18      *576; 114 Stat. 3065 et seq.) is further amended as follows:*

19               (1) Section 3(a) is amended in the first sentence  
20      by striking “The Secretary” and all that follows  
21      through “in cooperation” and inserting “The Sec-  
22      retary, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation,  
23      shall undertake a program under cooperative agree-  
24      ments”.

25               (2) Section 3(b) is amended to read as follows:

1       “(b) *PROJECT REVIEW*.—*Project proposals shall be re-*  
2 *viewed and evaluated under the guidelines set forth in the*  
3 *document published by the Bureau of Reclamation entitled*  
4 *‘Guidelines for Preparing and Reviewing Proposals for*  
5 *Water Conservation and Improvement Projects Under P.L.*  
6 *106–576’, dated June 2001.”.*

7           (3) *Section 3(d) is amended by inserting before*  
8 *the period at the end the following: “, including oper-*  
9 *ation, maintenance, repair, and replacement”.*

10          (4) *Section 3(e) is amended by striking “the cri-*  
11 *teria established pursuant to this section” and insert-*  
12 *ing “the guidelines referred to in subsection (b)”.*

13          (5) *Subsection (f) of section 3 is amended by*  
14 *striking “to prepare” and all that follows through the*  
15 *end of the subsection and inserting “to have the Sec-*  
16 *retary prepare the reports required under this section.*  
17 *The Federal share of the cost of such preparation by*  
18 *the Secretary shall not exceed 50 percent of the total*  
19 *cost of such preparation.”.*

20          (6) *Section 3(g) is amended by striking*  
21 *“\$2,000,000” and inserting “\$8,000,000”.*

22          (7) *Section 4(b) is amended—*

23           (A) *in the first sentence by striking “costs*  
24 *of any construction” and inserting “total project*  
25 *cost of any project”; and*

1                   (B) in the last sentence by inserting “the  
2                   actual” before “funds”.

3                   (8) Section 4(c) is amended by striking  
4                   “\$10,000,000” and inserting “\$47,000,000 (2001 dol-  
5                   lars)”.

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