

**Union Calendar No. 293**

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

**H. R. 4609**

**[Report No. 107-492]**

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive study of the Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer, located in Idaho and Washington.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

APRIL 25, 2002

Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself and Mr. OTTER) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Resources

JUNE 5, 2002

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

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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. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE RATHDRUM**  
2 **PRAIRIE/SPOKANE VALLEY AQUIFER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, in  
4 consultation with the State of Idaho and the State of  
5 Washington, shall conduct a comprehensive study of the  
6 Rathdrum Prairie/Spokane Valley Aquifer for the purpose  
7 of preparing a model of the aquifer and establishing for  
8 those States a mutually acceptable understanding of the  
9 aquifer as a ground water resource.

10 (b) REPORT.—The Secretary shall submit to the Con-  
11 gress a report on the findings and conclusions of the study  
12 by not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment  
13 of this Act.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For con-  
15 ducting the study under this section there is authorized  
16 to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,500,000.



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