109TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 1564

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain buildings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 12, 2005

Mr. Hastings of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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 "Yakima-Tieton Irriga-
- 5 tion District Conveyance Act of 2005".
- 6 SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND LANDS
- 7 OF THE YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON.
- 8 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the
- 9 Interior shall convey to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Dis-

- 1 trict, located in Yakima County, Washington, all right,
- 2 title, and interest of the United States in and to the build-
- 3 ings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, in ac-
- 4 cordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the
- 5 agreement titled "Agreement Between the United States
- 6 and the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District to Transfer
- 7 Title to Certain Federally Owned Buildings and Lands,
- 8 With Certain Property Rights, Title, and Interest, to the
- 9 Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District" (Contract No. 5–07–
- 10 10-L1658).
- 11 (b) Liability.—Effective upon the date of convey-
- 12 ance under this section, the United States shall not be
- 13 held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising
- 14 out of any act, omission, or occurence relating to the con-
- 15 veyed buildings and lands, except for damages caused by
- 16 acts of negligence committed by the United States or by
- 17 its employees or agents before the date of conveyance.
- 18 Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United
- 19 States beyond that provided in chapter 171 of title 28,
- 20 United States Code (popularly known as the Federal Tort
- 21 Claims Act), on the date of the enactment of this Act.
- 22 (c) Benefits.—After conveyance of the buildings
- 23 and lands to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District under
- 24 this section—

1	(1)	such	buile	dings	and	lands	shall	not be	e con-
2	sidered	to b	e a	part	of	a Fee	deral	reclan	nation
3	project; a	and							

- (2) such irrigation district shall not be eligible to receive any benefits with respect to any buildings and lands conveyed, except benefits that would be available to a similarly situated person with respect to such buildings and lands that are not part of a Federal reclamation project.
- (d) Report.—If the Secretary of the Interior has not completed the conveyance required under subsection (a) within 12 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that explains the reason such conveyance has not been completed and stating the date by which the conveyance will be completed.

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