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# H. R. 1564

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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## AN ACT

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

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 “Yakima-Tieton Irriga-  
3 tion District Conveyance Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND LANDS**  
5 **OF THE YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON.**

6 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the  
7 Interior shall convey to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Dis-  
8 trict, located in Yakima County, Washington, all right,  
9 title, and interest of the United States in and to the build-  
10 ings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, in ac-  
11 cordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the  
12 agreement titled “Agreement Between the United States  
13 and the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District to Transfer  
14 Title to Certain Federally Owned Buildings and Lands,  
15 With Certain Property Rights, Title, and Interest, to the  
16 Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District” (Contract No. 5–07–  
17 10–L1658).

18 (b) LIABILITY.—Effective upon the date of convey-  
19 ance under this section, the United States shall not be  
20 held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising  
21 out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the con-  
22 veyed buildings and lands, except for damages caused by  
23 acts of negligence committed by the United States or by  
24 its employees or agents before the date of conveyance.  
25 Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United  
26 States beyond that provided in chapter 171 of title 28,

1 United States Code (popularly known as the Federal Tort  
2 Claims Act), on the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (c) BENEFITS.—After conveyance of the buildings  
4 and lands to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District under  
5 this section—

6 (1) such buildings and lands shall not be con-  
7 sidered to be a part of a Federal reclamation  
8 project; and

9 (2) such irrigation district shall not be eligible  
10 to receive any benefits with respect to any buildings  
11 and lands conveyed, except benefits that would be  
12 available to a similarly situated person with respect  
13 to such buildings and lands that are not part of a  
14 Federal reclamation project.

15 (d) REPORT.—If the Secretary of the Interior has not  
16 completed the conveyance required under subsection (a)  
17 within 12 months after the date of the enactment of this  
18 Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that  
19 explains the reason such conveyance has not been com-

1 pleted and stating the date by which the conveyance will  
2 be completed.

Passed the House of Representatives November 15,  
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*