

and annual fees, less the appropriation derived from the Nuclear Waste Fund. This will recover a projected \$581 million in fiscal year 2006 with remaining 10 percent, or \$65 million, funded from the General Fund of the Treasury.

In conclusion, I would like to commend Chairman LEWIS and the Appropriations Committee on their steady work in bringing bills to the floor that comply with H. Con. Res. 95 and wish them continued success as they proceed through this appropriations season.

I therefore express my support for H.R. 2419.

Mr. SALAZAR. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my support of the House version of the Energy and Water Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2006, and I urge my colleagues to vote in support of this important measure.

I commend Chairman HOBSON and Ranking Member VISCLOSKEY for their work on this bill. I believe it is a good start for addressing our nation's water infrastructure and energy research needs, especially given the budget constraints.

As a farmer who works the land in Colorado's San Luis Valley, I know and understand water issues, and I can't emphasize how important it is to invest back into local water infrastructure. Without this investment, I fear we will continue to see a decline in the management of this irreplaceable resource—water is the lifeblood of our rural communities.

The House Energy and Water Appropriations Bill would provide \$29.7 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Energy, a \$329 million increase over last year's funding level.

I am pleased the Committee included funding for three important projects which I had requested back in March for the 3rd District of Colorado. First and foremost, the Committee included \$56 million in funding for construction of the Animas-La Plata Project. This funding level represents a \$4 million increase over the President's budget request and comes on the heels of a Colorado delegation letter which I spearheaded back in March. I would also like to thank the Committee for the inclusion of language which directs a larger percentage of program funds towards construction, not administrative costs.

Completion of the A-LP will provide a much-needed water supply in the southwest corner of our state for both Indian and non-Indian municipal and industrial purposes. It will also fulfill the intent of a carefully negotiated settlement agreement in the mid-1980s to ensure the legitimate claims of the two Colorado Ute Tribes could be met without harm to the existing uses of their non-tribal neighbors.

Since 2002, the Bureau of Reclamation has made much progress, and work has been completed or initiated on many key project features. This increased funding will allow the Bureau to move forward in a way that will ensure timely completion of the A-LP and avoid costly delays.

The FY2006 Energy and Water Appropriations bill also includes \$315,000 for the Arkansas River Habitat Restoration Project. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the City of Pueblo, Colorado has completed 90 percent of the project including fish habitat structures along a 9-mile section of the river below Pueblo Dam through downtown Pueblo. This funding would be used to complete the project which is an important environmental restoration project for the project.

Finally, the Committee also provided a \$1.021 million appropriation for the Army Corps of Engineers to engage in operations and maintenance at Trinidad Lake, Colorado; this amount represents almost a \$100,000 increase from the FY2005 funding level. Trinidad Lake is a multipurpose project for flood control, irrigation and recreation, and was authorized by the 1958 Flood Control Act. The lake is located in southern Colorado on the Purgatoire River, and bordered by the historic Santa Fe Trail. The dam itself is an earthfill structure 6,860 feet long and 200 feet high, and constructed with some 8 million cubic yards of earth and rock.

Each project is an important part of improving water related infrastructure. As this bill proceeds through the appropriations process, I will continue the fight to preserve funding for the 3rd District of Colorado.

Mr. HOBSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) having assumed the chair, Mr. GOODLATTE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2419) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later today.

#### STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH ACT OF 2005

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2520) to provide for the collection and maintenance of human cord blood stem cells for the treatment of patients and research, and to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 2520

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005".

#### SEC. 2. CORD BLOOD INVENTORY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall enter into one-time contracts with qualified cord blood stem cell banks to assist in the collection and maintenance of 150,000 units of high-quality human cord blood to be made avail-

able for transplantation through the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program and to carry out the requirements of subsection (b).

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall require each recipient of a contract under this section—

(1) to acquire, tissue-type, test, cryopreserve, and store donated units of human cord blood acquired with the informed consent of the donor in a manner that complies with applicable Federal and State regulations;

(2) to make cord blood units that are collected pursuant to this section or otherwise and meet all applicable Federal standards available to transplant centers for stem cell transplantation;

(3) to make cord blood units that are collected, but not appropriate for clinical use, available for peer-reviewed research;

(4) to submit data in a standardized format, as required by the Secretary, for the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program; and

(5) to submit data for inclusion in the stem cell therapeutic outcomes database maintained under section 379A of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by this Act.

(c) APPLICATION.—To seek to enter into a contract under this section, a qualified cord blood stem cell bank shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may reasonably require. At a minimum, an application for a contract under this section shall include an assurance that the applicant—

(1) will participate in the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program for a period of at least 10 years; and

(2) in the event of abandonment of this activity prior to the expiration of such period, will transfer the units collected pursuant to this section to another qualified cord blood stem cell bank approved by the Secretary to ensure continued availability of cord blood units.

(d) DURATION OF CONTRACTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not enter into any contract under this section for a period that—

(A) exceeds 3 years; or

(B) ends after September 30, 2010.

(2) EXTENSIONS.—Subject to paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary may extend the period of a contract under this section to exceed a period of 3 years if—

(A) the Secretary finds that 150,000 units of high-quality human cord blood have not yet been collected pursuant to this section; and

(B) the Secretary does not receive an application for a contract under this section from any qualified cord blood stem cell bank that has not previously entered into a contract under this section or the Secretary determines that the outstanding inventory need cannot be met by the one or more qualified cord blood stem cell banks that have submitted an application for a contract under this section.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may promulgate regulations to carry out this section.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term "C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program" means the C.W. Bill Young Cell Transplantation Program under section 379 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by this Act.

(2) The term "cord blood donor" means a mother who has delivered a baby and consents to donate the neonatal blood remaining in the placenta and umbilical cord after separation from the newborn baby.

(3) The term "human cord blood unit" means the neonatal blood collected from the placenta and umbilical cord.