

DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

The bill (S. 166) to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the participation of the Bureau of Reclamation in the Deschutes River Conservancy, and for other purposes, was read the third time and passed; as follows:

S. 166

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 “Deschutes River Conservancy Reauthorization Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY.

Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 (division B of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-534) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “Deschutes River Basin Working Group” and inserting “Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group”; and

(B) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the following:

“(5) QUORUM.—The term ‘quorum’ means 8 of those qualified Working Group members appointed and eligible to serve.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and up to a total amount of \$2,000,000 during each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015”; and

(3) in subsection (h), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015”.

LITTLE BUTTE/BEAR CREEK SUB-BASINS WATER FEASIBILITY ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 251) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to conduct a water resource feasibility study for the Little Butte/Bear Creek Sub-basins in Oregon, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. 251

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

SECTION 1. LITTLE BUTTE/BEAR CREEK SUB-BASINS, OREGON, WATER RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Little Butte/Bear Creek Sub-basins Water Feasibility Act”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, may [conduct] participate in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project water management feasibility study and environmental impact statement in accordance with the “Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Medford and Bureau of Reclamation for the Water for Irrigation, Streams, and the Economy Project”, dated July 2, 2004.

[(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out this section.]

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(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation \$500,000 to carry out activities under this Act.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share shall be 50 percent of the total costs of the Bureau of Reclamation in carrying out subsection (b).

(B) FORM.—The non-Federal share required under subparagraph (A) may be in the form of any in-kind services that the Secretary of the Interior determines would contribute substantially toward the conduct and completion of the study and environmental impact statement required under subsection (b).

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill (S. 251), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 251

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

SECTION 1. LITTLE BUTTE/BEAR CREEK SUB-BASINS, OREGON, WATER RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Little Butte/Bear Creek Sub-basins Water Feasibility Act”.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, may participate in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project water management feasibility study and environmental impact statement in accordance with the “Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Medford and Bureau of Reclamation for the Water for Irrigation, Streams, and the Economy Project”, dated July 2, 2004.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 to carry out this section.

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation \$500,000 to carry out activities under this Act.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share shall be 50 percent of the total costs of the Bureau of Reclamation in carrying out subsection (b).

(B) FORM.—The non-Federal share required under subparagraph (A) may be in the form of any in-kind services that the Secretary of the Interior determines would contribute substantially toward the conduct and completion of the study and environmental impact statement required under subsection (b).

RIO ARRIBA COUNTY LAND CONVEYANCE ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 213) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. 213

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 “Rio Arriba County Land Conveyance Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

[In this Act:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

(2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Alcalde Proposed Land Transfer” and dated September 23, 2004.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (c), not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convey to the County, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the land (including any improvements to the land) described in subsection (b).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) consists of approximately 150.86 acres of land located on the Sebastian Martin Land Grant in the vicinity of Alcalde, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as depicted on the map.

(c) CONDITIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The land conveyed under subsection (a) shall be treated as public land for the purposes of the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.)

(2) CONSIDERATION.—The amount of consideration for the conveyance of land under subsection (a) shall be determined by the Secretary consistent with section 2(a) of the Act of June 14, 1926 (commonly known as the “Recreation and Public Purposes Act”) (43 U.S.C. 869-1(a)).

(3) AGREEMENT.—Before conveying the land under subsection (a), the Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the County that indemnifies the United States from all liability of the United States arising from the land conveyed.]

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Rio Arriba County Land Conveyance Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) COUNTY.—The term “County” means the County of Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

(2) MAP.—The term “map” means the map entitled “Alcalde Proposed Land Transfer” and dated September 23, 2004.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF LAND TO RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, the Secretary shall convey to the County, without consideration, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the land (including any improvements to the land) described in subsection (b).

(b) DESCRIPTION OF LAND.—The land referred to in subsection (a) consists of approximately 171 acres of land located on the Sebastian Martin Land Grant in the vicinity of Alcalde, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, as depicted on the map.

(c) REVERSION.—If any portion of the land conveyed under subsection (a) ceases to be used for public purposes the land shall, at the option of the Secretary, revert to the United States.

(d) CONDITIONS ON SALES.—If the County sells any portion of the land conveyed to the County under subsection (a)—

(1) the amount of consideration for the sale shall reflect fair market value, as determined by an appraisal; and

(2) the County shall pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the gross proceeds of the sale, for use by the Director of the Bureau of Land Management in the State of New Mexico, without further appropriation.

(e) COSTS.—The County shall pay any costs associated with the conveyance of land under subsection (a).

The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute was agreed to.

The bill (S. 213), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

GLENDO UNIT OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN PROJECT CONTRACT EXTENSION ACT OF 2005

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 592) to amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment.

The bill (S. 592) was passed.

The amendment to the title was agreed to.

S. 592

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 “Glendo Unit of the Missouri River Basin Project Contract Extension Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. GLENDO UNIT OF THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN CONTRACT EXTENSION.

Section 2 of the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2816, 117 Stat. 1854) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “December 31, 2005” and inserting “December 31, 2007”; and

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “beyond December 31, 2005” and inserting “beyond December 31, 2007”; and

(B) by striking “before December 31, 2005” and inserting “before December 31, 2007”.

Amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Irrigation Project Contract Extension Act of 1998 to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and certain irrigation water contractors in the States of Wyoming and Nebraska.”.

PACTOLA RESERVOIR REALLOCATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

The bill (S. 819) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to reallocate costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes, was read the third time and passed; as follows:

S. 819

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 “Pactola Reservoir Reallocation Authorization Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) it is appropriate to reallocate the costs of the Pactola Dam and Reservoir, South Dakota, to reflect increased demands for municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes; and

(2) section 302 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7152) prohibits such a reallocation of costs without congressional approval.

SEC. 3. REALLOCATION OF COSTS OF PACTOLA DAM AND RESERVOIR, SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Secretary of the Interior may, as provided in the contract of August 2001 entered into between Rapid City, South Dakota, and the Rapid Valley Conservancy District, reallocate, in a manner consistent with Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.)), the construction costs of Pactola Dam and Reservoir, Rapid Valley Unit, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, South Dakota, from irrigation purposes to municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife purposes.

EXTENSION OF A WATER SERVICE CONTRACT

The bill (S. 891) to extend the water service contract for the Ainsworth Unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 891

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

SECTION 1. AINSWORTH UNIT, SANDHILLS DIVISION, PICK-SLOAN MISSOURI BASIN PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall extend for the period described in subsection (b) the water service contract for the Ainsworth unit, Sandhills Division, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, Nebraska, consisting of—

(1) the water service contract entered into by the Secretary of the Interior under—

(A) section 9(e) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (43 U.S.C. 485h(e));

(B) section 9(c) of the Act of December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665);

(C) the Act of August 21, 1954 (68 Stat. 757, chapter 781); and

(D) the Act of May 18, 1956 (70 Stat. 160, chapter 285); and

(2) the water service contract for the set project located in Cherry, Brown, and Rock Counties, Nebraska, for the use of a part of the waters of the Snake River, a tributary of the Niobrara River.

(b) PERIOD OF EXTENSION.—The water service contract described in subsection (a) shall be extended for 4 years after the date on which the contract expires under the water service contract and law in existence before the date of enactment of this Act.

ALASKA WATER RESOURCES ACT OF 2005

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 1338) to require the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation and the United States Geological Survey, to conduct a study on groundwater resources in the State of Alaska, and for other purposes, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment, as follows:

[Strike the parts shown in black brackets and insert the parts shown in italic.]

S. 1338

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 “Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

SEC. 3. ALASKA WATER RESOURCES STUDY.

(a) STUDY.—The Secretary, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Director of the United States Geological Survey, where appropriate, and in accordance with this Act and other applicable provisions of law, shall conduct a study that includes—

(1) a survey of accessible water supplies, including aquifers, on the Kenai Peninsula, [in the Municipality of Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough] and in the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the city of Fairbanks, and the Fairbanks Northstar Borough;

(2) a survey of water treatment needs and technologies, including desalination, applicable to the water resources of the State; and

(3) a review of the need for enhancement of the streamflow information collected by the United States Geological Survey in the State relating to critical water needs in areas such as—

(A) infrastructure risks to State transportation,

(B) flood forecasting,

(C) resource extraction; and

(D) fire management.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives a report describing the results of the study required by subsection (a).

SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out this Act.

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill (S. 1338), as amended, was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 1338

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 “Alaska Water Resources Act of 2005”.

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(2) a survey of water treatment needs and technologies, including desalination, applicable to the water resources of the State; and