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S. 175

To provide for a feasibility study of alternatives to augment the water supplies of the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy District and cities served by the District.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 2007

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. CENTRAL OKLAHOMA MASTER CONSERVATORY**
4 **DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) Thunderbird Lake, located on Little River
7 in central Oklahoma, was constructed in 1965 by the
8 Bureau of Reclamation for flood control, water sup-
9 ply, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes;

1 (2) the available yield of Thunderbird Lake is
2 allocated to the Central Oklahoma Master Conserv-
3 atory District, which supplies municipal and indus-
4 trial water supplies to the cities of Norman, Midwest
5 City, and Del City, Oklahoma; and

6 (3) studies conducted by the Bureau during fis-
7 cal year 2003 indicate that the District will require
8 additional water supplies to meet the future needs of
9 the District, including through—

10 (A) the drilling of additional wells;

11 (B) the implementation of a seasonal pool
12 plan at Thunderbird Lake;

13 (C) the construction of terminal storage to
14 hold wet-weather yield from Thunderbird Lake;

15 (D) a reallocation of water storage; and

16 (E) the importation of surplus water from
17 sources outside the basin of Thunderbird Lake.

18 (b) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
19 enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of the Bureau
20 of Reclamation shall conduct a feasibility study of alter-
21 natives to augment the water supplies of the Central Okla-
22 homa Master Conservatory District and cities served by
23 the District, including recommendations of the Commis-
24 sioner, if any.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
2 authorized to be appropriated to the Commissioner of the
3 Bureau of Reclamation \$300,000 to conduct the study
4 under subsection (b).

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