

Union Calendar No. 309

112TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 3263

[Report No. 112-442]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of nonproject water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 26, 2011

Mr. COLE (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

APRIL 16, 2012

Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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 “Lake Thunderbird Ef-
5 ficient Use Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. NORMAN PROJECT, OKLAHOMA.**

7 Public Law 86–529 (74 Stat. 225) is amended by
8 adding at the end the following:

9 **“SEC. 10. LAKE THUNDERBIRD.**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of the Interior
11 determines that there is enough excess capacity in the res-
12 ervoir on the Little River known as ‘Lake Thunderbird’
13 that nonproject water can be stored in Lake Thunderbird,
14 the Secretary of the Interior may, in accordance with the
15 reclamation laws, amend an existing contract, or enter
16 into 1 or more new contracts, with the Central Oklahoma
17 Master Conservancy District for the storage and convey-
18 ance of nonproject water in Norman project facilities to
19 augment municipal and industrial supplies for the cities
20 served by the Central Oklahoma Master Conservancy Dis-
21 trict.

22 “(b) COSTS.—If any additional infrastructure is
23 needed to enable the storage and conveyance of non-
24 project water in Norman project facilities under sub-
25 section (a) or any other provision of this Act, the costs

1 of constructing, operating, and maintaining the infrastruc-
2 ture shall be the responsibility of the non-Federal entity
3 contracting with the Secretary of the Interior for storage
4 and conveyance rights.”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECT.**

6 Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this
7 Act authorizes any expansion of the storage capacity of
8 Lake Thunderbird.

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