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SA 877. Mr. NELSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 878. Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 879. Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 880. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 881. Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 882. Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 883. Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID of NV to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 884. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 885. Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 886. Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 887. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 888. Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 889. Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

**SA 858.** Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. INHOFE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:  
**SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_\_. **LAND CONVEYANCE AT OPTIMA LAKE, TEXAS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) **FAIR MARKET VALUE.**—The term “fair market value” means the amount for which a willing buyer would purchase and a willing seller would sell a parcel of land, as determined by a qualified, independent land appraiser.

(2) **PREVIOUS OWNER OF LAND.**—The term “previous owner of land” means a person (including a corporation) that conveyed, or a direct descendant of an individual who conveyed, land to the Corps of Engineers for use in the Optima Lake project in Texas County, Oklahoma.

(b) **DEAUTHORIZATION OF PROJECT.**—The Corps of Engineers project relating to Optima Lake in Texas County, Oklahoma is deauthorized, including any operation, maintenance, or other activities relating to the project that are ongoing as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(c) **CONVEYANCES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall convey all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the land acquired by the United States for the Optima Lake project in Texas County, Oklahoma in accordance with this subsection.

(2) **FIRST PURCHASE OPTIONS.**—

(A) **STATE OF OKLAHOMA.**—The Secretary shall give the State of Oklahoma through an Act passed by the legislature of that State and signed by the Governor of that State the first option to purchase the land described in paragraph (1).

(B) **PREVIOUS OWNERS OF LAND.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—If the State of Oklahoma has not acted to purchase the land by the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall give a previous owner of land the option to purchase the land described in paragraph (1).

(ii) **APPLICATION.**—

(I) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 180 days after the official date of notice to the previous owner of land under paragraph (5), a previous owner of land who desires to purchase the land described in paragraph (1) that was owned by that previous owner of land, or by the individual from whom the previous owner of land is descended, shall file an application to purchase the land with the Secretary.

(II) **FIRST TO FILE HAS FIRST OPTION.**—If more than 1 application is filed to purchase a parcel of land described in paragraph (1), the first option to purchase the parcel of land shall be determined based on the order in which applications for the parcel of land were filed.

(iii) **IDENTIFICATION OF PREVIOUS OWNERS OF LAND.**—If the State of Oklahoma has failed to purchase the land within the period described in clause (i), the Secretary shall, not later than 90 days after that date, identify each previous owner of the land described in paragraph (1).

(iv) **CONSIDERATION.**—Consideration for land conveyed under this section shall be an amount equal to the fair market value of the land.

(3) **DISPOSAL.**—Any land described in paragraph (1) that is not purchased under paragraph (2) within the applicable time period shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable Federal law.

(4) **EXTINGUISHMENT OF EASEMENTS.**—All flowage easements acquired by the United States for use in the Optima Lake project in Texas County, Oklahoma, are extinguished.

(5) **NOTICE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If the State of Oklahoma has failed to purchase the land within the period described in paragraph (2)(B)(i), the Secretary shall notify of the conveyance under this section—

(i) by United States mail, each person identified as a previous owner of land under paragraph (2)(B)(iii) by not later than 90 days after the date of identification; and

(ii) by publication in the Federal Register, the general public by not later than 90 days after the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(B) **CONTENTS OF NOTICE.**—Notice under this subsection shall include—

(i) a copy of this section;

(ii) information sufficient to separately identify each parcel of land subject to this section; and

(iii) specification of the fair market value of each parcel of land subject to this section.

(C) **OFFICIAL DATE OF NOTICE.**—The official date of notice under this section shall be the later of—

(i) the date on which actual notice is mailed; or

(ii) the date of publication of the notice in the Federal Register.

(d) **FLOOD CONTROL GATES.**—Prior to the conveyance of any land under this section, the Secretary shall disable or remove, whichever option is most cost-effective, any flood control gate on the dam constructed by the Corps of Engineers in carrying out the Optima Lake project.

(e) **RESTRICTION.**—The Secretary shall carry out this section, including all land conveyances under this section, not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(f) **EFFECT OF ACT.**—Nothing in this section affects the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma (including localities) over any existing road or rights-of-way on the land described in subsection (c)(1).

(g) **OFFSET.**—An amount that equals the amount necessary to offset, in the aggregate, any net increase in spending and foregone revenues resulting from the implementation of this section shall be derived from the proceeds of the sale of the land described in subsection (c)(1).

**SA 859.** Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. PRYOR, Mrs. McCASKILL, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. KIRK, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. HARKIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 5** \_\_\_\_\_. **GREATER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN SEVERE FLOODING AND DROUGHT MANAGEMENT STUDY.**

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) **GREATER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN.**—The term “greater Mississippi River Basin” means the area covered by hydrologic units 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11, as identified by the United States Geological Survey as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) **LOWER MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**—The term “lower Mississippi River” means the portion of the Mississippi River that begins at the confluence of the Ohio River and flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

(3) **MIDDLE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.**—The term “middle Mississippi River” means the portion of the Mississippi River that begins at the confluence of the Missouri River and flows to the lower Mississippi River.

(4) **SEVERE FLOODING AND DROUGHT.**—The term “severe flooding and drought” means severe weather events that threaten personal safety, property, and navigation on the inland waterways of the United States.

(b) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out a study of the greater Mississippi River Basin—

(1) to improve the coordinated and comprehensive management of water resource

projects in the greater Mississippi River Basin relating to severe flooding and drought conditions; and

(2) to evaluate the feasibility of any modifications to those water resource projects and develop new water resource projects to improve the reliability of navigation and more effectively reduce flood risk.

(c) CONTENTS.—The study shall—

(1) identify any Federal actions necessary to prevent and mitigate the impacts of severe flooding and drought, including changes to authorized channel dimensions, operational procedures of locks and dams, and reservoir management within the Mississippi River Basin;

(2) evaluate the effect on navigation and flood risk management to the Mississippi River of all upstream rivers and tributaries, especially the confluence of the Illinois River, Missouri River, Arkansas River, White River, and Ohio River;

(3) identify and make recommendations to remedy challenges to the Corps of Engineers presented by severe flooding and drought, including river access, in carrying out its mission to maintain safe, reliable navigation; and

(4) identify and locate natural or other potential impediments to maintaining navigation on the middle and lower Mississippi River during periods of low water.

(d) CONSULTATION AND USE OF EXISTING DATA.—In carrying out the study, the Secretary shall—

(1) consult with appropriate committees of Congress, Federal, State, tribal, and local agencies, environmental interests, river navigation industry representatives, other shipping and business interests, organized labor, and nongovernmental organizations;

(2) to the maximum extent practicable, use data in existence as of the date of enactment of this Act; and

(3) incorporate lessons learned and best practices developed as a result of past severe flooding and drought events, including major floods and the successful effort to maintain navigation during the near historic low water levels on the Mississippi River during the winter of 2012-2013.

(e) COST-SHARING.—The Federal share of the cost of carrying out the study under this section shall be 100 percent.

(f) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the study carried out under this section.

**SA 860.** Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 149, strike lines 13 through 16 and insert the following:

Section 214 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-541; 33 U.S.C. 2201 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by inserting “or public utility” after “public entity”; and

(B) by inserting “or utility” after “that entity”; and

(2) by striking subsections (d) and (e) and inserting the following:

**SA 861.** Mr. CARDIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the

conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 121, strike lines 1 through 3, and insert the following:

“(II) conflict with the ability of a cooperating agency to carry out applicable Federal laws (including regulations).

**SA 862.** Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 190, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 2060. RESTRICTION ON CHARGES FOR CERTAIN WATER STORAGE.**

Notwithstanding section 6 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (33 U.S.C. 708) and section 301 of the Water Supply Act of 1958 (43 U.S.C. 390b), no fee for water storage shall be charged under a contract for water storage if the contract is for water storage stored on the Missouri River.

**SA 863.** Mr. HOEVEN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. HEITKAMP, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 190, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 2060. RESTRICTION ON CHARGES FOR CERTAIN SURPLUS WATER.**

Notwithstanding section 6 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (33 U.S.C. 708) and section 301 of the Water Supply Act of 1958 (43 U.S.C. 390b), no fee for surplus water shall be charged under a contract for surplus water stored on the Missouri River.

**SA 864.** Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. FLAKE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 167, strike line 19, and insert the following:

element of the project during that period.

“(D) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—For each fiscal year, 5 percent of the funds appropriated

to the Chief of Engineers for general expenses shall not be obligated until the date on which the list under paragraph (1) is submitted.”; and

**SA 865.** Mrs. SHAHEEN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 301, strike lines 19 through 22 and insert the following:

(33 U.S.C. 2211(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**SA 866.** Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 100 . USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the amounts made available under this Act may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a project eligible for assistance under this title unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Secretary finds that—

(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;

(2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

(c) PUBLIC NOTICE.—If the Secretary determines that it is necessary to waive the application of subsection (a) based on a finding under subsection (b), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed written justification as to why the provision is being waived.

(d) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

**SA 867.** Mr. INHOFE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title XI, add the following:

**SEC. 11004. AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND NON-FEDERAL AMOUNTS.**

The Secretary is authorized to accept and expend amounts provided by non-Federal interests for the purpose of repairing, restoring, or replacing water resources projects that have been damaged or destroyed as a result of a major disaster or other emergency if the Secretary determines that the acceptance and expenditure of those amounts is in the public interest.

**SA 868.** Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VITTER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 452, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

**SEC. 2055. IDENTIFICATION OF WATERS PROTECTED BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Secretary of the Army nor the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall—

(1) finalize the proposed guidance described in the notice of availability and request for comments entitled “EPA and Army Corps of Engineers Guidance Regarding Identification of Waters Protected by the Clean Water Act” (EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0409) (76 Fed. Reg. 24479 (May 2, 2011)); or

(2) use the guidance described in paragraph (1), or any substantially similar guidance, as the basis for any decision regarding the scope of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) or any rule-making.

(b) RULES.—The use of the guidance described in subsection (a)(1), or any substantially similar guidance, as the basis for any rule shall be grounds for vacation of the rule.

**SA 869.** Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title X, add the following:

**SEC. 100 . USE OF AMERICAN IRON, STEEL, AND MANUFACTURED GOODS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the amounts made available under this Act may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a project eligible for assistance under this title unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Secretary finds that—

(1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;

(2) iron, steel, and the relevant manufactured goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or

(3) inclusion of iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in the United States

will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

(c) PUBLIC NOTICE.—If the Secretary determines that it is necessary to waive the application of subsection (a) based on a finding under subsection (b), the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a detailed written justification as to why the provision is being waived.

(d) INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS.—This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

**SA 870.** Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. MERKLEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 299, strike line 9 and all that follows through page 301, line 16, and insert the following:

“(D) LOW-USE PORT.—The term ‘low-use port’ means a port at which not more than 1,000,000 tons of cargo are transported each calendar year.

“(E) MODERATE-USE PORT.—The term ‘moderate-use port’ means a port at which more than 1,000,000, but fewer than 10,000,000, tons of cargo are transported each calendar year.

“(2) PRIORITY.—Of the amounts made available under this section to carry out projects described in subsection (a)(2) that are in excess of the amounts made available to carry out those projects in fiscal year 2012, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall give priority to those projects in the following order:

“(A)(i) In any fiscal year in which all projects subject to the harbor maintenance fee under section 24.24 of title 19, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation) are not maintained to their constructed width and depth, the Secretary shall prioritize amounts made available under this section for those projects that are high-use deep draft and are a priority for navigation in the Great Lakes Navigation System.

“(ii) Of the amounts made available under clause (i)—

“(I) 80 percent shall be used for projects that are high-use deep draft; and

“(II) 20 percent shall be used for projects that are a priority for navigation in the Great Lakes Navigation System.

“(B) In any fiscal year in which all projects identified as high-use deep draft are maintained to their constructed width and depth, the Secretary shall—

“(i) equally divide among each of the districts of the Corps of Engineers in which eligible projects are located 10 percent of remaining amounts made available under this section for moderate-use and low-use port projects—

“(I) that have been maintained at less than their constructed width and depth during the preceding 8 fiscal years; and

“(II) for which significant State and local investments in infrastructure have been made at those projects during the preceding 8 fiscal years; and

“(ii) prioritize any remaining amounts made available under this section for those projects that are not maintained to the minimum width and depth necessary to provide sufficient clearance for fully loaded commercial vessels using those projects to maneuver safely.

“(3) ADMINISTRATION.—For purposes of this subsection, State and local investments in infrastructure shall include infrastructure investments made using amounts made available for activities under section 105(a)(9) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(9)).

“(4) EXCEPTIONS.—The Secretary may prioritize a project not identified in paragraph (2) if the Secretary determines that funding for the project is necessary to address—

“(A) hazardous navigation conditions; or

“(B) impacts of natural disasters, including storms and droughts.

“(5) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than September 30, 2013, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that describes, with respect to the preceding fiscal year—

“(A) the amount of funds used to maintain high-use deep draft projects and projects at moderate-use ports and low-use ports to the constructed depth and width of the projects;

“(B) the respective percentage of total funds provided under this section used for high use deep draft projects and projects at moderate-use ports and low-use ports;

“(C) the remaining amount of funds made available to carry out this section, if any; and

“(D) any additional amounts needed to maintain the high-use deep draft projects and projects at moderate-use ports and low-use ports to the constructed depth and width of the projects.”

**SA 871.** Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 316, line 20, strike “drinking water” and insert “water supply”.

On page 322, line 18, after “flood control” insert “, water supply.”.

On page 322, lines 23 and 24, strike “or protect natural resources” and insert “protect natural resources, or accomplish other water resource purposes”.

**SA 872.** Mr. BOOZMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 2 . IMPROVING PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF WATER SUPPLY STORAGE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall carry out activities to enable non-Federal interests to anticipate and accurately budget for annual operations and maintenance costs and, as applicable, repair, rehabilitation, and replacements costs, including through—

(1) the formulation by the Secretary of a uniform billing statement format for those storage agreements relating to operations and maintenance costs, and as applicable, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement costs, incurred by the Secretary, which, at a minimum, shall include—

(A) a detailed description of the activities carried out relating to the water supply aspects of the project;

(B) a clear explanation of why and how those activities relate to the water supply aspects of the project; and

(C) a detailed accounting of the cost of carrying out those activities; and

(2) a review by the Secretary of the regulations and guidance of the Corps of Engineers relating to criteria and methods for the equitable distribution of joint project costs across project purposes in order to ensure consistency in the calculation of the appropriate share of joint project costs allocable to the water supply purpose.

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the findings of the reviews carried out under subsection (a)(2) and any subsequent actions taken by the Secretary relating to those reviews.

(2) INCLUSIONS.—The report under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of the feasibility and costs associated with the provision by the Secretary to each non-Federal interest of not less than 1 statement each year that details for each water storage agreement with non-Federal interests at Corps of Engineers projects the estimated amount of the operations and maintenance costs and, as applicable, the estimated amount of the repair, rehabilitation, and replacement costs, for which the non-Federal interest will be responsible in that fiscal year.

(3) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may delay the submission of the report under paragraph (1) for a period not to exceed 180 days after the deadline described in paragraph (1), subject to the condition that the Secretary submits a preliminary progress report to Congress not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 873.** Mr. WARNER (for himself and Mr. KAINÉ) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 216, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following:

**SEC. 3019. FOUR MILE RUN, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA AND ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA.**

Section 84(a)(1) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-251; 88 Stat. 35) is amended by striking “twenty-seven thousand cubic feet per second” and inserting “18,000 cubic feet per second”.

**SA 874.** Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. BROWN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 309, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 310, line 4, and insert the following:

the amount that is equal to 10 percent of the amounts made available under section 210 to

carry out projects described in subsection (a)(2) of that section that are in excess of the amounts made available to carry out those projects in fiscal year 2012.

**SA 875.** Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. KING, and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 50. CAPE ARUNDEL DISPOSAL SITE, MAINE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Cape Arundel Disposal Site selected by the Department of the Army as an alternative dredged material disposal site under section 103(b) of the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1413(b)) (referred to in this section as the “Site”) is reopened, in concurrence with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and shall remain open and available until the earlier of—

(1) the date on which the Site does not have any remaining disposal capacity;

(2) the date on which an environmental impact statement designating an alternative dredged material disposal site for southern Maine has been completed; or

(3) the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—The use of the Site as a dredged material disposal site under subsection (a) shall be subject to the conditions that—

(1) conditions at the Site remain suitable for the continued use of the Site as a dredged material disposal site; and

(2) the Site not be used for the disposal of more than 80,000 cubic yards from any single dredging project.

**SA 876.** Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 234, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

**SEC. 5009. UPPER MISSOURI BASIN SHORELINE EROSION PREVENTION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may provide planning, design, and construction assistance to not more than 3 federally-recognized Indian tribes in the Upper Missouri River Basin to undertake measures to address shoreline erosion that is jeopardizing existing infrastructure resulting from operation of a reservoir constructed under the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program (authorized by section 9 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”) (58 Stat. 891, chapter 665)).

(b) FEDERAL COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the costs of carrying out this section shall be not less than 80 percent.

(c) CONDITIONS.—The Secretary may provide the assistance described in subsection (a) only after—

(1) consultation with the Department of the Interior; and

(2) execution by the Indian tribe of a memorandum of agreement with the Secretary that specifies that the tribe shall—

(A) be responsible for—

(i) all operation and maintenance activities required to ensure the integrity of the measures taken; and

(ii) providing any required real estate interests in and to the property on which such measures are to be taken; and

(B) hold and save the United States free from damages arising from planning, design, or construction assistance provided under this section, except for damages due to the fault or negligence of the United States or its contractors.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For each Indian tribe eligible under this section, there is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section not more than \$30,000,000.

**SA 877.** Mr. NELSON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:

**SEC. APALACHICOLA, CHATTAHOOCHEE, AND FLINT RIVER PROJECTS.**

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) APALACHICOLA-CHATTAHOOCHEE-FLINT PROJECTS.—The term “Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint projects” means the Federal water resources projects on the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee, and Flint Rivers in the States of Alabama, Florida, and Georgia authorized by section 2 of the Act of March 2, 1945 (59 Stat. 17, chapter 19; 60 Stat. 635, chapter 595) and section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 1182), including—

(A) Buford Dam and Reservoir;

(B) West Point Dam and Reservoir;

(C) George W. Andrews Dam and Reservoir;

(D) Walter F. George Dam and Reservoir; and

(E) Jim Woodruff Dam and Reservoir.

(2) FRESHWATER FLOWS.—The term “freshwater flows” means the quality, quantity, timing, and variability of freshwater flows required—

(A) to support and reestablish—

(i) the physical, chemical, biological, and overall ecological integrity of the components, functions, and natural processes required for a thriving and resilient Apalachicola River, Apalachicola River floodplain, and Apalachicola Bay;

(ii) commercial and recreational fisheries dependent on freshwater flows into Apalachicola Bay and adjacent waters, including the Gulf of Mexico; and

(iii) thriving and diverse fish, wildlife, and plant populations having species composition, diversity, adaptability, and functional organization similar to those found in the Apalachicola River ecosystem prior to construction of the Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint projects;

(B) to restore and recover species that are endangered, threatened, or at risk; and

(C) to prevent significantly harmful adverse impacts to the Apalachicola River ecosystem.

(b) PROJECT MODIFICATION.—Notwithstanding any authorized purpose of the Apalachicola-Chat-tahoochee-Flint projects, the Secretary shall operate the Apalachicola-

Chattahoochee-Flint projects in a manner that ensures the maintenance of freshwater flows.

(c) REVISION OF WATER CONTROL MANUALS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall complete the ongoing revision of the water control manuals for the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint projects and issue revised water control manuals for those projects that ensure the maintenance of freshwater flows.

(2) INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW OF WATER CONTROL MANUALS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enter into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences under which the National Academy of Sciences shall carry out an independent peer review of each revised water control manual, as required under section 2034 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (33 U.S.C. 2343).

(B) COMPLIANCE.—Each independent peer review under this paragraph shall comply with section 2034 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (33 U.S.C. 2343).

(3) FINAL APPROVAL.—Before a final water control manual may be issued, the Secretary shall obtain written approval of each water control manual developed under this subsection from—

(A) the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency;

(B) the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service;

(C) the Director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; and

(D) the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

(d) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS.—Except as provided in subsection (b), nothing in this section waives, limits, or otherwise affects the applicability of any provision of Federal or State law that would otherwise apply to the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint projects.

**SA 878.** Mr. UDALL of New Mexico submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 227, after line 25, insert the following:

**SEC. 5005. RIO GRANDE DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, shall evaluate alternatives for operational changes and technically feasible structural modifications to completed water resources projects of the Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission along the Rio Grande River—

(1) to minimize evaporation, seepage, and other losses; and

(2) to maximize the amount of water available to water users and the environment, including the support of recovery efforts for threatened and endangered species, during periods of drought disaster in significant areas of the Rio Grande Basin, as designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, the Secretary of the Interior, and the United

States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission may, after notification to Congress and obtaining written consent from the appropriate State water resource agencies and tribal governments in which those completed projects are located, implement any operational changes or structural modifications identified under subsection (a).

(c) APPLICABILITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section alters, amends, repeals, interprets, or modifies—

(A) the Act entitled “Giving the consent and approval of Congress to the Rio Grande compact signed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 18, 1938”, approved May 31, 1939; or

(B) the Treaty relating to the utilization of waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, and supplementary protocol signed at Washington February 3, 1944 (59 Stat. 1219).

(2) EFFECT ON STATE LAWS.—Nothing in this section supersedes any State law.

**SA 879.** Mr. KAINE (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 306, line 11, strike “2,000,000” and insert “1,850,000”.

**SA 880.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title III, add the following:  
**SEC. 3 . . . EAST FORK OF TRINITY RIVER, TEXAS.**

The portion of the project for flood protection on the East Fork of the Trinity River, Texas, authorized by section 203 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (76 Stat. 1185), that consists of the 2 levees identified as “Kaufman County Levees K5E and K5W” shall no longer be authorized as a part of the Federal project as of the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 881.** Mr. CORNYN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2014, add at the end the following:

(h) EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL FACILITIES.—This section shall not apply to a Federal facility located in a State or shared with a State if—

(1) the State has enacted laws governing and is implementing—

(A) environmental flows standards; and  
(B) an environmental flow regime; and

(2) the Governor of the State certifies to the Secretary that it has met the requirements described in paragraph (1) and identifies the facilities to be exempted from this section.

**SA 882.** Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 190, after line 23, add the following:

**SEC. 20 . . . RIVER BASIN COMMISSIONS.**

Section 5019 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (121 Stat. 1201) is amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) AUTHORIZATION TO ALLOCATE.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allocate funds from the General Expenses account of the civil works program of the Army Corps of Engineers to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, Delaware River Basin Commission, and the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin to fulfill the equitable funding requirements of the respective interstate compacts on an annual basis and in amounts equal to the amount determined by Commission in accordance with the respective interstate compact.

“(2) LIMITATION.—Not more than 1.5 percent of funds from the General Expenses account of the civil works program of the Army Corps of Engineers may be allocated in carrying out paragraph (1) for any fiscal year.

“(3) REPORT.—For any fiscal year in which funds are not allocated in accordance with paragraph (1), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives a report that describes—

“(A) the reasons why the Corps of Engineers chose not to allocate funds in accordance with that paragraph; and

“(B) the impact of the decision not to allocate funds on water supply allocation, water quality protection, regulatory review and permitting, water conservation, watershed planning, drought management, flood loss reduction, and recreation in each area of jurisdiction of the respective Commission.”.

**SA 883.** Mr. REID (for Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. SCHUMER)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID of NV to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:  
**SEC. 20 . . . USE OF FUNDS TO INCREASE FEDERAL SHARE FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may use funds made

available under Public Law 113-2 (127 Stat. 4) to increase the Federal share up to 100 percent of the costs required for construction projects carried out by the Secretary under Public Law 113-2 that are not considered ongoing construction.

**SA 884.** Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_\_, UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER PROTECTION.**

(a) **DEFINITION OF UPPER ST. ANTHONY FALLS LOCK AND DAM.**—In this section, the term “Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam” means the lock and dam located on Mississippi River mile 853.9 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

(b) **ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report regarding the impact of closing the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam on the economic and environmental well-being of the State of Minnesota.

(c) **MANDATORY CLOSURE.**—Notwithstanding subsection (b) and not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall close the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam if the Secretary determines that the annual average tonnage moving through the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam for the preceding 5 years is not more than 1,500,000 tons.

(d) **EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.**—Nothing in this section prevents the Secretary from carrying out emergency lock operations necessary to mitigate flood damage.

**SA 885.** Mr. COONS submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 303, strike lines 13 through 16, and insert the following:

“(i) **STATE PRIORITY.**—For each fiscal year, the operation and maintenance activities described in subparagraph (A) may be carried out in any State, with priority given to those States—

**SA 886.** Mr. COONS (for himself, Mr. CARPER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. CASEY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 50 \_\_\_\_\_, SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION.**

(a) **FINDINGS.**—The Senate finds that—

(1) the Delaware River Basin is the longest undammed river in the eastern United States, draining into portions of Delaware, New York, and Pennsylvania (in this section referred to as the “4 basin States”) and providing drinking water to 15 million people, including the populations of New York City and Philadelphia;

(2) over 8,500,000,000 gallons of water are withdrawn from the Delaware River Basin each day;

(3) in 1961, the Delaware River Basin Commission (in this section referred to as the “DRBC”) was formed to address problems of drought, floods, and pollution by bringing the Governors of the 4 basin States and the Federal Government together to manage the water resources of the Delaware River Basin by using the watershed boundary, not political boundaries;

(4) the formation of the DRBC was approved by Congress and signed into law by President John F. Kennedy and the 4 basin States, marking the first time that the Federal Government and a group of States joined together as equal partners in a river basin planning, development, and regulatory agency;

(5) the DRBC serves Federal, State, and local interests by providing comprehensive and proactive water resources management for the 13,539 square mile Delaware River Basin through programs that address water quality protection, water supply allocation, flood loss reduction, drought management, water conservation, permitting, watershed planning, and recreation;

(6) the DRBC has proven to be invaluable in preventing water conflict and finding effective solutions to complicated and critical water resource challenges;

(7) after the multi year drought in the 1960s, the DRBC facilitated a series of negotiations that resulted in an agreement in the early 1980s to reduce water diversions to upstream and downstream users, create a water conservation program, and establish minimum flows to prevent saltwater from reaching further up the Delaware river and degrading freshwater supplies and ecosystem function;

(8) this agreement assisted the 4 basin States through numerous droughts without major water use changes or restrictions, and has conserved billions of gallons of water;

(9) the DRBC model of watershed management has proven to be so successful that other countries are interested learning from and replicating the DRBC model, and DRBC representatives have been invited to share knowledge with and offer technical assistance to Australia, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, the People’s Republic of China, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, South Korea, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Jordan, Portugal, Sweden, Turkey, Uganda, Uruguay, India, and Japan;

(10) the DRBC is funded by the 5 signatory parties to the Delaware River Basin Compact (Public Law 87-328; 75 Stat. 688), project review fees, water use charges, and fines, as well as Federal, State, and private grants;

(11) the 100-year Delaware River Basin Compact stipulates that the 5 signatory parties agree to support the annual expense budget of the DRBC;

(12) in 1988, the 5 members of the DRBC reached a tacit agreement to apportion signatory party contributions to the annual expense budget of the DRBC as follows: 12.5 percent for Delaware, 17.5 percent for New York, 25 percent for New Jersey, 25 percent for Pennsylvania, and 20 percent for the Federal Government;

(13) the Federal Government has provided funding to support the 20 percent contribution to the annual expense budget of the DRBC only 1 Federal fiscal year since 1996;

(14) the Federal Government is responsible for contributing \$715,000 to the annual expense budget of the DRBC; and

(15) the cumulative shortfall of the Federal Government contribution to the annual expense budget of the DRBC from October 1996 through the DRBC fiscal year ending on June 30, 2013, is \$10,709,250.

(b) **SENSE OF THE SENATE.**—It is the Sense of the Senate that—

(1) it is the responsibility of the Federal Government to pay a 20 percent contribution to the annual expense budget of the DRBC;

(2) the mission of the DRBC, as established in the Delaware River Basin Compact, is critical for local communities, business, and industry, States, and the region surrounding the Delaware River Basin, and for Federal interests such as emergency response, interstate commerce, and ecosystem management; and

(3) the President and Congress should provide Federal funding to the DRBC.

**SA 887.** Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. SCHUMER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 20 \_\_\_\_\_, DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 100207 OF THE BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2012.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section 1308(h) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as added by section 100207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141; 126 Stat. 919), shall have no force or effect until the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 888.** Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. LAUTENBERG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 601, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end of title II, add the following:

**SEC. 20 \_\_\_\_\_, DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 100207 OF THE BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2012.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, section 1308(h) of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as added by section 100207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141; 126 Stat. 919), shall have no force or effect until the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 889.** Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 601, to provide for the

conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

**SEC. \_\_\_\_ . RESTORATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS.**

For all major disasters declared under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act on or after August 27, 2011, the Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall consider eligible the costs necessary to comply with any State stream or river alteration permit required for the repair or replacement of otherwise eligible damaged infrastructure, such as culverts and bridges, including any design standards required to be met as a condition of permit issuance.

**NOTICES OF HEARINGS**

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a meeting of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources has been scheduled to discuss natural gas issues. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum to explore what the next applications are for natural gas and how this new demand will be met. Pipeline infrastructure and increased use of natural gas in the transportation sector will be specific points of interest.

Because of the limited time available for the forum, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by e-mail to [lauren\\_goldschmidt@energy.senate.gov](mailto:lauren_goldschmidt@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Todd Wooten at (202) 224-4971 or Lauren Goldschmidt at (202) 224-5488.

**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a business meeting has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The business meeting will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the business meeting is to consider pending calendar business.

Because of the limited time available for the business meeting, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the business meeting record may do so by sending it to the

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to [Abigail\\_campbell@energy.senate.gov](mailto:Abigail_campbell@energy.senate.gov).

For further information, please contact Sam Fowler at (202) 224-7571 or Abigail Campbell at (202) 224-4905.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet, during the session of the Senate, to conduct a hearing entitled "Pharmaceutical Compounding: Proposed Legislative Solution" on May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on May 9, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., in SH-216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, to conduct an executive business meeting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 10 a.m. in room SR-418 of the Russell Senate office building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC FORCES**

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces of the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on May 9, 2013, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**FLOOD INSURANCE**

Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I wish to speak for a few minutes in morning business to thank the leader for the remarks he has made and thank him and his staff for working with us throughout today, this afternoon, to try to mitigate against some of the difficulties that are being imposed not only on people in Louisiana but in many coastal States as these insurance rates rise because of new requirements

in a bill this body never got to vote on because it never came to the Senate.

I wish to correct something I said in the RECORD earlier.

I am sorry. If the leader needs to finish his business, I will yield.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if the Senator would be kind enough, we can move through this in about 2 or 3 minutes and then we will put it on automatic pilot for as long as the Senator cares to speak.

Ms. LANDRIEU. Of course. I thank the leader.

Mr. REID. I appreciate the courtesy of my friend.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENTS—EXECUTIVE CALENDAR**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, in consultation with Senator McCONNELL, the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 40; that there be 1 hour for debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to vote, without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I now ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by me, in consultation with Senator McCONNELL, the Senate proceed to Calendar No. 91; that there be 3 hours of debate equally divided in the usual form; that upon the use or yielding back of time the Senate proceed to vote without intervening action or debate on the nomination; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order to the nomination; that any statements related to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; that President Obama be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate then resume legislative session.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**AWARDING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL**

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 360.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows: