

At the end of title IV, add the following:

**SEC. 40 . COLUMBIA RIVER FLOOD RISK.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall prepare a report that includes a cost estimate and a proposed scope and schedule for assessing the appropriate level of flood risk in the Columbia River basin to ensure resiliency and continuation of the multiple-purpose benefits and economic viability provided by the existing system of dams, reservoirs, and levees in the region.

(b) CONSULTATION.—In preparing the report under subsection (a), the Secretary—

(1) shall consult with—

(A) the heads of Federal agencies with responsibilities in the Columbia River basin;

(B) the Governors of the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana; and

(C) the heads of affected Columbia Basin Indian tribes in the region; and

(2) is encouraged to solicit input from the public and other interested parties regarding the proposed scope and schedule.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In preparing the report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall not expend more than \$3,000,000.

(2) COST SHARE.—The report under subsection (a) shall be prepared at full Federal expense.

(d) DEADLINE.—The report under subsection (a) shall be completed—

(1) not earlier than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) not later than 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SA 5059.** Mr. SASSE (for himself, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 2848, 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, insert the following:

**SEC. 8003. EXEMPTION FROM INDIVIDUAL MANDATE PENALTY OF PARTICIPANTS IN TERMINATED PLANS UNDER CONSUMER OPERATED AND ORIENTED PLAN PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) PARTICIPANTS IN CERTAIN TERMINATED CONSUMER OPERATED AND ORIENTED PLAN PROGRAM PLANS.—Any applicable individual, if—

“(A) the individual was enrolled in a qualified health plan offered by a qualified non-profit health insurance issuer (as defined in subsection (c) of section 1322 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act) receiving funds through the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan program established under such section for such plan, and

“(B) during any month while the individual was so enrolled, such issuer terminated or otherwise discontinued providing all plans of the issuer in the area in which the individual resides,

for such month and any subsequent month.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to months in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

**SA 5060.** Mr. MURPHY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 4979 proposed by Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mrs. BOXER)) to the bill S. 2848, 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:

It is the sense of Congress that—

1) State water quality standards that impact the disposal of dredged material should be developed collaboratively, with input from all relevant stakeholders;

2) Open-water disposal of dredged material should be reduced to the maximum extent practicable;

3) Where practicable, the preference is for disputes between states related to the disposal of dredged material and the protection of water quality to be resolved between the states in accordance with regional plans and involving regional bodies.

**AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**

**COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS**

Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on September 12, 2016, at 5 p.m., to hold a classified briefing entitled “The Failed Coup in Turkey and the Future of U.S.-Turkish Cooperation. The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

**SIGNING AUTHORITY**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the junior Senator from North Carolina and the senior Senator from Texas be granted signing authority for Monday, September 12, 2016.

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

**ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 13; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; further, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of S. 2848; further, that the Senate recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. to allow for the weekly conference meetings; finally, that all time during recess or adjournment of the Senate count postclosure on amendment No. 4979.

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

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:46 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 10 a.m.

**NOMINATIONS**

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

**CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING**

DAVID J. ARROYO, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 31, 2022. (REAPPOINTMENT)

**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

ROBERT G. TAUB, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A COMMISSIONER OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 14, 2022. (REAPPOINTMENT)

**ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES**

MATTHEW LEE WIENER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS, VICE PAUL R. VERKUL, RESIGNED.

**IN THE NAVY**

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

*To be vice admiral*

REAR ADM. CHRISTOPHER W. GRADY

**DISCHARGED NOMINATIONS**

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination under the authority of the order of the Senate of 01/07/2009 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar:

\*SUSAN S. GIBSON, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE.

The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of the following nomination under the authority of the order of the Senate of 01/07/2009 and the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar:

\*PEGGY E. GUSTAFSON, OF MARYLAND, TO BE INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

\*Nominee has committed to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

**WITHDRAWAL**

Executive Message transmitted by the President to the Senate on September 12, 2016 withdrawing from further Senate consideration the following nomination:

BRODI L. FONTENOT, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, VICE DANIEL M. TANGHERLINI, RESIGNED, WHICH WAS SENT TO THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY 12, 2015.