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# H. R. 4689

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources

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## AN ACT

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau  
of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District  
in the State of Nebraska.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. EARLY REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 213 of  
3 the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm),  
4 any landowner within the Northport Irrigation District in  
5 the State of Nebraska (referred to in this section as the  
6 “District”) may repay, at any time, the construction costs  
7 of project facilities allocated to the landowner’s land with-  
8 in the District.

9 (b) APPLICABILITY OF FULL-COST PRICING LIMITA-  
10 TIONS.—On discharge, in full, of the obligation for repay-  
11 ment of all construction costs described in subsection (a)  
12 that are allocated to all land the landowner owns in the  
13 District in question, the parcels of land shall not be sub-  
14 ject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limitations  
15 under Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902,  
16 32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to  
17 and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), in-  
18 cluding the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (13 U.S.C.  
19 390aa et seq.).

20 (c) CERTIFICATION.—On request of a landowner that  
21 has repaid, in full, the construction costs described in sub-  
22 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall provide to  
23 the landowner a certificate described in section 213(b)(1)  
24 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.  
25 390mm(b)(1)).

26 (d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

1           (1) modifies any contractual rights under, or  
2           amends or reopens, the reclamation contract between  
3           the District and the United States; or

4           (2) modifies any rights, obligations, or relation-  
5           ships between the District and landowners in the  
6           District under Nebraska State law.

Passed the House of Representatives September 12,  
2018.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*