

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4382

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act”.

SEC. 2. NEVADA NATIONAL GUARD LAND CONVEYANCE, CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Clark County, Nevada, may convey, without consideration, to the Nevada Division of State Lands for use by the Nevada National Guard between 35 and 50 acres of land in Clark County, Nevada, as generally depicted on the map entitled “Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act” and dated October 4, 2005.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4382, introduced by the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER), would allow Clark County, Nevada, to convey 35 to 50 acres to the State and exempt them from paying 85 percent of the land value which is required by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. The State of Nevada would like to build a National Guard facility, the Southern Nevada Readiness Center, on this land. The Center would likely serve as the new Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team for the State and serve related purposes for the protection of McCarran airport. Currently, National Guard units in Las Vegas must serve and operate from locations spread over 25 miles.

I urge passage of the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, we support H.R. 4382; and I commend my colleague, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER). We have no objection to the adoption of the legislation by the House today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the author of the bill, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. PORTER).

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge passage of H.R. 4382, the Southern Nevada Readiness Center Act. I would like to thank the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) and the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. BERKLEY), as well as the Nevada National Guard and Clark County, Nevada, for their strong support of this legislation.

The purpose of H.R. 4382 is to convey 35 to 50 acres of land from the

McCarran Airport Cooperative Management Area Boundary to the Nevada National Guard in the State of Nevada for the purpose of building the Nevada National Guard Readiness Center. This new center will reside in my district in southern Nevada.

The Nevada Army National Guard is an impressive group of soldiers whose work contributes to the United States military’s overall mission of defending our homeland. More specifically, the Nevada National Guard maintains a three-part mission geared to the Federal, State and community. The underlying focus of each individual mission is for the safety, the protection and the well-being of the American people.

Under the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization for fiscal year 2005, over \$12.8 million was secured to construct a new Nevada National Guard Readiness Center in southern Nevada. Additionally, during their 2005 legislative work period, the Nevada State legislature approved matching funds and has appropriated over \$27 million for the construction of and projects associated with the Readiness Center.

The State of Nevada is firmly committed to ensuring that we do our part to defend our homeland and that our guard is prepared to respond to any national security threats facing our State and Nation.

The Southern Nevada Readiness Center is an essential link to helping the State meet its commitment to train guardsmen to respond to chemical, biological and other terrorist threats against Nevada and our Nation.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support passage of this very important bill.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, in closing, I just want to state my support for our National Guard Civil Support Teams and for H.R. 4382. We fought long and hard for our CST in Guam and just broke ground for our facility last month.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers; and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4382.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT AMENDMENTS OF 2006

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4588) to reauthorize grants for and require applied water supply research regarding the water resources research and technology institutes es-

tablished under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows

H.R. 4588

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Water Resources Research Act Amendments of 2006”.

SEC. 2. WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH ACT AMENDMENTS.

(a) SCOPE OF RESEARCH; OTHER ACTIVITIES; COOPERATION AND COORDINATION.—Section 104(b)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) plan, conduct, or otherwise arrange for competent applied and peer reviewed research that fosters—

“(A) improvements in water supply reliability;

“(B) resolutions of other water problems;

“(C) the entry of new research scientists, engineers, and technicians into water resources fields; and

“(D) the dissemination of research results to water managers and the public.”.

(b) EVALUATION OF WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH PROGRAM.—Section 104(e) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(e)) is amended—

(1) by striking “5” and inserting “3”; and

(2) by inserting “at producing measured results and applied water supply research” after “effectiveness”.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section 104(f)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(f)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, to remain available until expended, \$12,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011.”.

(d) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS WHERE RESEARCH FOCUSED ON WATER PROBLEMS OF INTERSTATE NATURE.—Section 104(g)(1) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(g)(1)) is amended by striking “\$3,000,000 for fiscal year 2001, \$4,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2002 and 2003, and \$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2004 and 2005” and inserting the following: “\$6,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2011”.

(e) COORDINATION.—Section 104(h)(2) of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303(h)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking “(2) REPORT” and inserting “(2) REPORTS”; and

(2) by inserting after the first sentence the following: “As part of the annual budget submission to Congress, the Secretary shall also provide a crosscut budget detailing the expenditures on activities listed under subsection (a)(1) and a report which details the level of applied research and the results of the activities authorized by this Act, including potential and actual—

“(A) increases in annual water supplies;

“(B) increases in annual water yields; and

“(C) advances in water infrastructure improvements.”.

(f) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—Section 107 of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10306) is amended by striking “15” and inserting “5”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 4588, sponsored by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), reauthorizes the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 for 5 years. When originally authorized in 1984, the initial legislation established a Water Resource and Technology Institute at each of the 54 land grant colleges throughout the country to foster research and training of future scientists and engineers in the water resources field.

This legislation requires more focus on applied research and more oversight to ensure that the research has practical applications, improves water supply reliability, and helps to resolve real water problems outside the academic world. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, we support H.R. 4588 to continue support of water resources research at public universities.

I might add that my district is home to one of these institutes, the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific, or WERI, at the University of Guam. WERI is integral to water research and the protection of water resources in Micronesia, our region of the world. This is an excellent partnership between USGCS and institutions of higher education across the country, and we are pleased to support this reauthorization.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4588, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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OREGON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2006

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5079) to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5079

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Oregon Water Resources Management Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY.

Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 (division B of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-534) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "Deschutes River Basin Working Group" and inserting "Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group";

(2) by amending the text of subsection (a)(1)(B) to read as follows: "4 representatives of private interests including two from irrigated agriculture who actively farm more than 100 acres of irrigated land and are not irrigation district managers and two from the environmental community";

(3) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting before the final period the following: ", and up to a total amount of \$2,000,000 during each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015"; and

(4) in subsection (h), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", and \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015".

SEC. 3. WALLOWA LAKE DAM REHABILITATION ACT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) ASSOCIATED DITCH COMPANIES, INCORPORATED.—The term "Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated" means the nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of Oregon that operates Wallowa Lake Dam.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation.

(3) WALLOWA LAKE DAM REHABILITATION PROGRAM.—The term "Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program" means the program for the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, as contained in the engineering document titled, "Phase I Dam Assessment and Preliminary Engineering Design", dated December 2002, and on file with the Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.—

(1) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may provide grants to, or enter into cooperative or other agreements with, tribal, State, and local governmental entities and the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated, to plan, design, and construct facilities needed to implement the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program.

(2) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of providing funds under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that—

(A) the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program and activities under this section meet the standards of the dam safety program of the State of Oregon;

(B) the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated, agrees to assume liability for any work performed, or supervised, with Federal funds provided to it under this section; and

(C) the United States shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to a facility rehabilitated or constructed with Federal funds provided under this section, both while and after activities are conducted using Federal funds provided under this section.

(3) COST SHARING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the costs of activities authorized under this section shall not exceed 50 percent.

(B) EXCLUSIONS FROM FEDERAL SHARE.—There shall not be credited against the Federal share of such costs—

(i) any expenditure by the Bonneville Power Administration in the Wallowa River watershed; and

(ii) expenditures made by individual agricultural producers in any Federal commodity or conservation program.

(4) COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.—The Secretary, in carrying out this section, shall comply with applicable Oregon State water law.

(5) PROHIBITION ON HOLDING TITLE.—The Federal Government shall not hold title to any facility rehabilitated or constructed under this section.

(6) PROHIBITION ON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Federal Government shall not be responsible for the operation and maintenance of any facility constructed or rehabilitated under this section.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Activities funded under this section shall not be considered a supplemental or additional benefit under Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.)).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to pay the Federal share of the costs of activities authorized under this section, \$6,000,000.

(e) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 4. LITTLE BUTTE/BEAR CREEK SUBBASINS, OREGON, WATER RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, may participate in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project water management feasibility study and environmental impact statement in accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Medford and Bureau of Reclamation for the Water for Irrigation, Streams, and the Economy Project", dated July 2, 2004.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation \$500,000 to carry out activities under this section.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share shall be 50 percent of the total costs of the Bureau of Reclamation in carrying out subsection (a).

(B) FORM.—The non-Federal share required under subparagraph (A) may be in the form of any in-kind services that the Secretary of the Interior determines would contribute substantially toward the conduct and completion of the study and environmental impact statement required under subsection (a).

(c) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 5. NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006".

(b) AMENDMENT.—The Act of August 10, 1954 (68 Stat. 679, chapter 663), is amended—

(1) in the first section—

(A) by inserting "(referred to in this Act as the 'District')" after "irrigation district"; and

(B) by inserting "(referred to in this Act as the 'Contract')" after "1953"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TERMS.

"On approval of the District directors and notwithstanding project authorizing legislation to the contrary, the Contract is modified, without further action by the Secretary of the Interior, to include the following modifications:

"(1) In Article 8(a) of the Contract, by deleting 'a maximum of 50,000' and inserting 'approximately 59,000' after 'irrigation service to'.

"(2) In Article 11(a) of the Contract, by deleting 'The classified irrigable lands within the project comprise 49,817.75 irrigable acres, of which 35,773.75 acres are in Class A and 14,044.40 in Class B. These lands and the standards upon which the classification was made are