that up to 18 million barrels of pro-
duced waters are generated each year from oil and gas operations. Finding ways to minimize the waters that are produced during oil and gas extraction and then putting to beneficial use those waters that are produced is a win-win for environmental protection.

However, there are significant hur-
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Section Two—defines terms used in the bill.

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tor of the Geological Survey, and the Director of the Bureau of Land Man-
agement, to conduct a study to identify (1) the technical, economic, environmental, and other obstacles to reducing the quantity of produced water; (2) the technical, economic, environmental, legal, and other obstacles to increasing the amount of produced water for irrigation and other purposes, without adversely affecting water quality or the environment; (3) the legislative, administrative, and other actions that could reduce the obstacles identified; and (4) the costs and benefits associated with reducing or eliminating those obstacles. Re-
sults of the study are to be reported to Con-
gress within 180 days after enactment.

Section Four—provides that, subject to ap-
propriation of funds, the Interior Depart-
ment shall provide financial assistance for development of facilities to facilitate the feasibility, effectiveness, and safety of pro-
esses to increase use of produced water for irrigation, municipal or industrial uses, or other purposes without adversely affecting water quality or the environment. The sec-
tion specifies that assistance shall be pro-
vided to projects in each of the following states: (1) the Upper Basin States (Colorado, Utah, Wyo-
 ming, and New Mexico) and one project in one of the Lower Basin States (Arizona, Ne-ada, or California). Assistance to any facili-
ty cannot exceed $1 million and cannot be used for operation or maintenance. The sec-
tion specifies that assistance under this bill can be in addition to other federal assistance under other provisions of law.

Section Five—requires the Interior Depart-
ment to—(1) consult with the Department of Energy, EPA, and appropriate Governors and local officials; (2) review relevant informa-
tion developed in connection with other re-
search; (3) include as much of that informa-
tion and data as the Secretary finds advisable in the report required by section 1; (4) seek the advice of people with relevant professional expertise and of companies with relevant industrial experience; and (5) solicit comments and sug-
gestions from the public.

Section Six—specifies that nothing in the bill is to be construed as affecting—(1) the effect of any State law, or any interstate au-
thority or compact, regarding the use of water or the regulation of water quantity or quality; or (2) the applicability of any Fed-
eral law or regulation.

Section Seven—authorizes appropriation of—(1) $1 million for the study required by section 1; and (2) $7.5 million to implement section 4.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

CONGRATULATING THE OKLAHOMA GIRL SCOUTS

• Mr. INHOFE. Mr. President, I am honored today to congratulate 19 girls from Oklahoma for receiving the high-
est youth award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. I would like to honor Jamie Andrews, Tiffany Marie Cathey, Anna Elizabeth Davis, Alonna Marie Dray, Bridget Gibbons, Ashley Good-
mie, Justina N. Hamby, Molly Elizabeth Henly, Lauren Hopkins, Beth John-

Girl Scouts of the USA, an organiza-
tion serving more than 2.5 million girls, has awarded more than 25,000 Girl Scout Gold Awards to Senior Girl Scouts since the beginning of the pro-
gram in 1980. To receive the award, a Girl Scout must fulfill four require-
ments: earn the Girl Scout Gold Lead-
ership Award, earn the Girl Scout Gold Career Award, earn the Girl Scout Gold Become, Belong, Believe, Build Award, and design and implement a Girl Scout Gold Award Project. They also have to com-
plete a plan for fulfilling the re-
quirements of the award and follow through with close cooperation be-
tween a community consultant and an adult Girl Scout volunteer.

The Gold Award symbolizes out-
standing accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, ca-
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reer planning, and personal develop-
mont. In achieving this prestigious
awards the young women show their
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dedication and commitment to their
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families, community, the Girl Scouts,
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and their country. I am honored to
congratulate these recipients of this
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award from the State of Oklahoma.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate pro-
cceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, an-
ounced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concur-
rence of the Senate:

H.R. 399. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a demonstration program to facilitate landscape restoration programs within certain units of the Na-
tional Park System established by law to preserve and interpret resources associated with American history, and for other pur-
poses.

H.R. 609. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Fa-

cilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Central Texas Water Recycling and Reuse Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 786. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Fa-
cilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the Los Angeles County Water Supply Augmentation Demon-
stration Project, and for other purposes.

H.R. 815. An act to provide for the convey-
ance of certain land in Clark County, Ne-

vada, for use by the Nevada National Guard.

H.R. 955. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to make available for the purchase of lands for a floodplain for the purposes of water storage and flood protection.

H.R. 1191. An act to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Ad-
mintration Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park.

H.R. 1515. An act to amend the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to treat certain communities as metropolitan cities for purposes of the community development block grant program.

H.R. 1677. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to enhance taxpayer protections and outreach.

H.R. 1861. An act to amend the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross to modernize its governance struc-
ture, to enhance the ability of the board of governors of The American National Red Cross to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st cen-
tury, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agreed to the following concur-
rent resolutions, in which it requests the concur-
rence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 76. Concurrent resolution hon-
ing the 50th Anniversary of the Inter-
national Geophysical Year (IGY) and its past contribution to space research, and looking forward to future accomplishments.

H. Con. Res. 100. Concurrent resolution condemning the recent violent actions of the United Front of Zimbabwean Patriotic Front military and peaceful opposition party activists and members of civil society.