SA 1084. Mr. WYDEN (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. CRAIG) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1495, 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:

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(1) by striking subsection (c) and inserting—

"(c) MANAGEMENT OF PREDATION ON COLUMBIA/SNAKE RIVER NATIVE FISHERS.—

"(1) AVIAN PREDATORS.—"

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in conjunction with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Interior, and the President, shall conduct research on, and plan, design, and implement, activities to reduce predation by the common loon, the double crested cormorant, and thecasian tern and doublecrested cormorants, as the Secretary determines to be ecologically sound and cost-effective to improve survival of Columbia River juvenile salmonids."

"(B) INCLUSIONS.—Activities under subparagraph (A) include—

"(i) research;

"(ii) the acquisition of real estate interests from willing sellers;"

"(iii) planning, design, construction activities; and

"(iv) maintenance of sites for the relocation of the avian predators within and outside of the Columbia River watershed.

"(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the activities under paragraph (1) in coordination with—

"(A) appropriate Federal, State, and local agencies;

"(B) affected Indian tribes; and

"(C) the Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council.

"(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—The research and activities under this subsection shall be carried out—

"(i) under the Columbia River fish mitigation project of the Corps of Engineers; and

"(ii) using $90,000,000 of amendments made available to carry out that project.

"(B) APPORTIONMENT.—The cost of any avian predation management activity under this subsection shall be apportioned among the 8 Lower Columbia River and Snake River projects of the Federal Columbia River power system of the Corps of Engineers for off-site mitigation to address additional salmonid survival improvements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)."

SA 1085. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 1495, 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 60, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following:

(u) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—If the President determines that a feature recommended in the analysis and design of comprehensive hurricane protection under title I of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-103; 119 Stat. 2447), could address a substantial threat to life and property, the President may submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate for authorization a legislative proposal relating to the feature, as the President determines to be appropriate.

(2) PRIORITIZATION.—In submitting legislative proposals under paragraph (1), the President shall give highest priority to any project that, as determined by the President, would—

(A) to the maximum extent practicable, reduce the risk—

(i) of loss of human life;

(ii) to public safety; and

(iii) of damage to property; and

(B) minimize costs and environmental impacts.

(3) EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on December 31, 2008, any legislative proposal submitted by the President under paragraph (1) shall be eligible for expedited consideration in accordance with this paragraph.

(B) INTRODUCTION.—As soon as practicable after the date of receipt of a legislative proposal under paragraph (1), the Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Chairperson of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives shall introduce as a bill the proposal, by request, in the Senate or the House of Representatives, as applicable.

(C) REFERRAL.—A bill introduced under subparagraph (B) shall be referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate or the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives, as applicable.

(D) COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 legislative days after a bill under subparagraph (B) is referred to a Committee in accordance with subparagraph (C), the Committee shall act on the bill.

(2) FAILURE TO ACT.—On a failure by a Committee to act on a bill by the date specified in clause (1), the bill shall be discharged from the Committee and placed on the calendar of the Senate or the House of Representatives, as applicable.

(E) SENATE FLOOR CONSIDERATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Floor consideration in the Senate regarding a bill under subparagraph (B) shall be limited to 20 hours, to be equally divided between the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the Senate (or a designee)."