

TOM GREEN COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVE-
MENT DISTRICT NO. 1; REPAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4910]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4910) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with an amendment and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. TOM GREEN COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1; REPAYMENT PERIOD EXTENDED.

The Secretary of the Interior may revise the repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 numbered 14-06-500-369, by extending the period authorized for repayment of reimbursable constructions costs of the San Angelo project from 40 years to 50 years.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 4910 is to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

Because of the ongoing drought in the area serviced by the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, the District has very limited quantities of water to deliver to their constituents and limited revenues to repay their required repayment

obligation to the Bureau of Reclamation which built facilities for the water district. The Bureau of Reclamation does not have the authority to extend the repayment period without an act of Congress. By extending the repayment period, the annual payments will remain constant and allow for repayment of the remaining obligation, albeit over a longer time period. This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to revise the repayment contract by extending the period authorized for repayment of reimbursable construction costs of the San Angelo project from 40 years to 50 years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 4910 was introduced on June 11, 2002, by Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. On July 25, 2002, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. Immediately following the hearing, the Subcommittee met to mark up the bill. An amendment was offered by Congressman Ken Calvert (R-CA) to strike section 2 of the bill. The amendment was adopted by voice vote. The bill, as amended, was then ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee by voice vote. On September 12, 2002, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. No further amendments were offered and the bill as amended was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in tax expenditures. According to the Congressional Budget Office, enactment of this bill would result in a loss to the federal government of less than \$1 million during the 2003–2018 time period, which would be offset by an increase of an equal amount over the 2019–2031 time period. Over the next ten years, the bill would cost less than \$70,000 a year.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 23, 2002.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4910, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Julie Middleton.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 4910—A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to revise a repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, San Angelo project, Texas, and for other purposes

H.R. 4910 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation to revise its repayment contract with the Tom Green County Water Control and Improvement District in Texas for reimbursable construction costs of the San Angelo project. This bill would extend the repayment period from 40 years to 50 years.

CBO estimates that H.R. 4910 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The district has been unable to make regular payments of the reimbursable construction costs due to a severe drought. By extending the repayment period, the district would be able to make smaller payments to the federal government over a longer period of time.

CBO estimates that implementing this bill would result in a loss of about \$1 million in offsetting receipts over the 2003–2018 period, which would be offset by an increase of an equal amount over the 2019–2031 period. Because enacting H.R. 4910 would affect offsetting receipts (a form of direct spending), pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. Over the next 10 years, however, we estimate that enactment of H.R. 4910 would cost less than \$70,000 a year.

H.R. 4910 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Julie Middleton. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes in existing law.

