

173.18 BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS' SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. YATES, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 509) to extend through September 30, 1992, the period in which there remains available for obligation certain amounts appropriated for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the school operations costs of Bureau-funded schools.

When said joint resolution was considered and read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the joint resolution was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered. That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said joint resolution.

173.19 CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYES of Illinois, pursuant to House Resolution 486 and rule XXIII, declared the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5099) to provide for the restoration of fish and wildlife and their habitat in the Central Valley of California, and for other purposes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. HAYES of Illinois, by unanimous consent, designated Mr. CARDIN as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole; and after some time spent therein,

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. McNULTY, assumed the Chair.

When Mr. CARDIN, Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 486, reported the bill back to the House with an amendment adopted by the Committee.

The previous question having been ordered by said resolution.

The following amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, was agreed to:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Central Valley Project Reform Act".

SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

The purposes of this Act shall be—

(a) to protect, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and associated habitats in the Central Valley basin of California;

(b) to address impacts of the Central Valley Project on fish, wildlife and associated habitats;

(c) to improve the operational flexibility of the Central Valley Project;

(d) to increase water-related benefits provided by the Central Valley Project to the State of California through expanded use of voluntary water transfers and improved water conservation; and

(e) to study transfer of the Central Valley Project to non-Federal interests; and for other purposes.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

(a) The term "anadromous fish" means those stocks of salmon (including steelhead), striped bass, sturgeon, and American shad

that ascend the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and their tributaries and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to reproduce after maturing in San Francisco Bay or the Pacific Ocean.

(b) The terms "artificial propagation" and "artificial production" mean spawning, incubating, hatching, and rearing fish in a hatchery or other facility constructed for fish production.

(c) The term "Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture" means the association of Federal and State agencies and private parties established for the purpose of developing and implementing the North American Waterfowl Management Plan as it pertains to the Central Valley of California.

(d) The terms "Central Valley Project" or "project" mean all Federal reclamation projects located within or diverting water from or to the watershed of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and their tributaries as authorized by the Act of August 26, 1937 (50 Stat. 850) and all Acts amendatory or supplemental thereto, including but not limited to the Act of October 17, 1940 (54 Stat. 1198, 1199), Act of December 22, 1944 (58 Stat. 887), Act of October 14, 1949 (63 Stat. 852), Act of September 26, 1950 (64 Stat. 1036), Act of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. 879), Act of August 12, 1955 (69 Stat. 719), Act of June 3, 1960 (74 Stat. 156), Act of October 23, 1962 (76 Stat. 1173), Act of September 2, 1965 (79 Stat. 615), Act of August 19, 1967 (81 Stat. 167), Act of August 27, 1967 (81 Stat. 173), Act of September 28, 1976 (90 Stat. 1324), and Act of October 27, 1986 (100 Stat. 3050).

(e) The term "Central Valley Project service area" means that area of the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Area where water service has been expressly authorized pursuant to the various feasibility studies and consequent congressional authorizations for the Central Valley Project.

(f) The term "Central Valley Project water" means all water is diverted, stored, or delivered by the Bureau of Reclamation pursuant to water rights acquired pursuant to California law, including water made available under the so-called "exchange contracts" and Sacramento River settlement contracts.

(g) The term "Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee" means the Central Valley Project Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee established in section 9 of this Act.

(h) The term "full cost" has the meaning given such term in paragraph (3) of section 202 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

(i) The term "natural production" means fish produced to adulthood without direct human intervention in the spawning, rearing, or migration processes.

(j) The term "Reclamation laws" means the Act of June 17, 1902 (82 Stat. 388) and all Acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto.

(k) The term "Refuge Water Supply Report" means the report issued by the Mid-Pacific Region of the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior entitled Report on Refuge Water Supply Investigations, Central Valley Hydrologic Basin, California (March 1989).

(l) The terms "repayment contract" and "water service contract" have the same meaning as provided in sections 9(d) and 9(e) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (53 Stat. 1187, 1195), as amended.

(m) The terms "Restoration Fund" and "Fund" mean the Central Valley Project Restoration Fund established by this Act.

(n) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON CONTRACTING AND CONTRACT REFORM.

(a) NEW CONTRACTS.—Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary

shall not enter into any new short-term, temporary, or long-term contracts or agreements for water supply from the Central Valley Project for any purpose other than fish and wildlife before—

(1) the provisions of subsections 6(b)-(e) of this Act are met;

(2) the California State Water Resources Control Board concludes its current review of San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary water quality standards and determines the means of implementing such standards, including any obligations of the Central Valley Project, if any, and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall have approved such standards pursuant to existing authorities; and

(3) at least one hundred and twenty days shall have passed after the Secretary provides a report to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of the House of Representatives explaining the obligations, if any, of the Central Valley Project system, including its component facilities and contracts, with regard to achieving San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary water quality standards as finally established and approved by relevant State and Federal authorities, and the impact of such obligations on Central Valley Project operations, supplies, and commitments.

(b) EXCEPTION TO LIMIT ON NEW CONTRACTS.—In recognition of water shortages facing urban areas of California, and subsection (a) of this section notwithstanding, the Secretary is authorized to make available one hundred thousand acre-feet of Central Valley Project water for sale through water service contracts not to exceed twenty years in length to any California water district, agency, member district or agency, municipality, or publicly regulated water utility, without discrimination among them, for municipal and industrial purposes, except that no water shall be made available under this subsection until the State of California has entered into a binding agreement with the Secretary concerning the cost allocations set forth in section 6 of this Act. In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall—

(1) provide public notice of the availability of such water and be available to receive offers for such water for a period not to exceed one week in duration beginning not less than sixty days after enactment of this Act;

(2) make all such offers public immediately upon completion of the period for submission of bids established under paragraph (1) of this subsection;

(3) take such measures as are necessary to ensure that prospective agency purchasers do not engage in anti-competitive behavior; and

(4) accept the offers of the water agency or agencies offering the greatest monetary payments per acre-foot of water made available by the Secretary, except that—

(A) such payment must be greater than \$100 per acre-foot of contractual commitment annually and, in addition, cover all Federal costs associated with the proposed sale and delivery;

(B) delivery under the contract must be feasible using existing facilities; and

(C) the proposed use of the water must be consistent with State and Federal law.

All revenues collected by the Secretary from the contract or contracts authorized by this subsection, other than actual operation and maintenance costs, shall be covered into the Restoration Fund.

(c) RENEWAL OF EXISTING LONG-TERM CONTRACTS.—Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of July 2, 1956 (70 Stat. 483), the Secretary may renew any existing long-term re-