

extend until March 26, 2005, the time period during which the licensee is required to commence construction of the project.

DICKINSON DAM BASCULE GATES SETTLEMENT ACT OF 1999

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 769) to provide a final settlement on certain debt owed by the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, for construction of the bascule gates on the Dickinson Dam, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment; as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be stucken is shown in boldface brackets and the part of the bill intended to be inserted is shown in italic.)

S. 769

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 "Dickinson Dam Bascule Gates Settlement Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) in 1980 and 1981, the Bureau of Reclamation constructed the bascule gates on top of the Dickinson Dam on the Heart River, North Dakota, to provide additional water supply in the reservoir known as Patterson Lake for the city of Dickinson, North Dakota, and for additional flood control and other benefits;

(2) the gates had to be significantly modified in 1982 because of damage resulting from a large ice block causing excessive pressure on the hydraulic system, causing the system to fail;

(3) since 1991, the City has received its water supply from the Southwest Water Authority, which provides much higher quality water from the Southwest Pipeline Project;

(4) the City now receives almost no benefit from the bascule gates because the City does not require the additional water provided by the bascule gates for its municipal water supply;

(5) the City has repaid more than \$1,200,000 to the United States for the construction of the bascule gates, and has been working for several years to reach an agreement with the Bureau of Reclamation to alter its repayment contract;

(6) the City has a longstanding commitment to improving the water quality and recreation value of the reservoir and has been working with the United States Geological Survey, the North Dakota Department of Game and Fish, and the North Dakota Department of Health to improve water quality; and

(7) it is in the public interest to resolve this issue by providing for a single payment to the United States in lieu of the scheduled annual payments and for the termination of any further repayment obligation.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **BASCULE GATES.**—The term "bascule gates" means the structure constructed on the Dam to provide additional water storage capacity in the Lake.

(2) **CITY.**—The term "City" means the city of Dickinson, North Dakota.

(3) **DAM.**—The term "Dam" means Dickinson Dam on the Heart River, North Dakota.

(4) **LAKE.**—The term "Lake" means the reservoir known as "Patterson Lake" in the State of North Dakota.

(5) **SECRETARY.**—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting

through the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation.

SEC. 4. FORGIVENESS OF DEBT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall accept a 1-time payment of \$300,000 in lieu of the existing repayment obligations of the City under the Bureau of Reclamation Contract No. 9-07-60W0384, dated December 19, 1988, toward which amount any payments made by the City to the Secretary on or after June 2, 1998, shall be credited.

(b) **OWNERSHIP.**—Title to the Dam and bascule gates shall remain with the United States.

[(c) **COSTS.**—

[(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In consultation with the City and the State of North Dakota, the Secretary shall reallocate responsibility for the operation and maintenance costs of the Dam and bascule gates.

[(2) **CONSIDERATION OF BENEFITS.**—The reallocation of costs shall reflect the fact that the benefits of the Dam and bascule gates are mainly for flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife purposes.]

[(c) **COSTS.**—(1) *The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with the City to allocate responsibilities for operation and maintenance costs of the bascule gates as provided in this subsection.*

[(2) *The City shall be responsible for operation and maintenance costs of the bascule gates, up to a maximum annual cost of \$15,000. The Secretary shall be responsible for all other costs.*

[(d) **WATER SERVICE CONTRACTS.**—The Secretary may enter into appropriate water service contracts if the City or any other person or entity seeks to use water from the Lake for municipal water supply or other purposes.

The committee amendment was agreed to.

The bill (S. 769), as amended, was passed, as follows:

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GRIFFITH PROJECT PREPAYMENT AND CONVEYANCE ACT

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill (S. 986) to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Griffith Project to the Southern Nevada Water Authority, which had been reported from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with an amendment to strike all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Griffith Project Prepayment and Conveyance Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) The term "Authority" means the Southern Nevada Water Authority, organized under the laws of the State of Nevada.

(2) The term "Griffith Project" means the Robert B. Griffith Water Project, authorized by and constructed pursuant to the Southern Nevada Water Project Act, Public Law 89-292, as amended, (commonly known as the "Southern Nevada Water Project Act") (79 Stat. 1068), including pipelines, conduits, pumping plants, intake facilities, aqueducts, laterals, water storage and regulatory facilities, electric substations, and related works and improvements listed pursuant to "Robert B. Griffith Water Project (Formerly Southern Nevada Water Project), Nevada: