

Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins—As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002

Summary.—H.R. 5099 would amend the current authorization of appropriations for implementing endangered fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. That authority will expire in fiscal year 2005 for the Upper Colorado program and in fiscal year 2007 for the San Juan program. H.R. 5099 would extend the authorization for both programs until 2008.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5509 would have no significant net impact on the federal budget. We estimate that the bill would reduce direct spending by about \$5 million over the 2003–2005 period and increase it by the same amount over the 2006–2008 period, because enacting H.R. 5099 would affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. H.R. 5099 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

Estimated cost to the federal government.—The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5099 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Estimated Budget Authority	-2	(¹)	-3	(¹)	2

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Estimated Outlays	-2	(¹)	-3	(¹)	2
Spending subject to appropriation					
Spending Under Current Law:					
Estimated Authorization Level ²	6	6	6	0	0
Estimated Outlays	4	5	5	2	2
Proposed Changes:					
Estimated Authorization Level	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	-1	-2	-2	1	1
Spending Under H.R. 5099:					
Estimated Authorization Level ²	6	6	6	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	3	3	3	3

¹ Less than \$500,000.
² The estimated authorization levels reflect the current balance of authorized funding for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the remaining \$18 million to be appropriated for these programs will be provided in equal increments over the next three years.

Basis of estimate.—H.R. 5099 would extend current authority to implement fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins until 2008. For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 5099 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2003 and that funds already authorized for the two fish recovery programs will be appropriated over the next three years.

Direct Spending.—The net effect of H.R. 5099 on direct spending would be insignificant. Under current law, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) is authorized to pay for its share of the fish recovery programs by borrowing up to \$17 million from the Colorado Water Conservation Board Con-

struction Fund (a fund of the state government). To date, WAPA has borrowed \$5.5 million from that fund. WAPA expects to pay for its remaining costs of \$11.5 million either through borrowing from the state or by spending receipts generated from the sale of electricity. This bill would modify the expected timing of that future spending.

Under this bill, CBO estimates that WAPA's would delay spending about \$5 million over fiscal years 2003 through 2005, but this near-term cash savings would be offset by an increase in spending of an equal amount over fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

Spending Subject to Appropriation.—The net effect of H.R. 5099 on spending also would be insignificant. Under current law, \$46 million is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation for its share of the fish recovery programs. To date, the bureau has spent \$28 million on these programs. Assuming appropriation of the remaining \$18 million, CBO estimates that there would be a delay in spending of about \$5 million over fiscal years 2003 through 2005, but this near-term cash savings would be offset by an increase in spending of an equal amount over fiscal years 2006 through 2008.

Pay-as-you-go considerations.—The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. The net changes in outlays that are subject to pay-as-you-go procedures are shown in the following table. For the purposes of enforcing pay-as-you-go procedures, only the effects through fiscal year 2006 are counted.

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—											
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	
Changes in outlays	0	-2	0	-3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	
Changes in receipts	Not applicable											

Intergovernmental and private-sector impact.—H.R. 5099 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I missed some votes because I was traveling. I left for Iraq yesterday to get a better understanding of how a preemptive US military strike against Iraq will affect the Iraqi people.

Had I been able to, I would have voted: No on H. Res. 547 (Rollcall vote #413); no on H. Res. 540 (Rollcall vote #414); no on H. Res. 544 (Rollcall vote #415).

HONORING JOHN J. BIONDI

HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man who has spent his entire career dedicated to improving the education of our children, particularly those in New Jersey. As a key figure at the New Jersey Education Association, Mr. John J. Biondi demonstrated the type of leadership this country needs to advance its educational system so that students receive the education they deserve and need to compete in the twenty-first century global economy.

Born and raised in New Jersey, Mr. Biondi is a product of the Garden State's school system, where as a teacher he became a part of the school system as well. For 31 years, Mr. Biondi has served as a member of the New Jersey Education Association where his colleagues described him in every positive way possible. Whether it was from the integrity and responsibility he brought to the job each and everyday or his resourcefulness and creativity that helped him meet the changing needs of his organization, John Biondi's presence at the New Jersey Education Association, helped lead that group forward as it advanced its goals of improving the education system throughout the state.

This month, John Biondi is retiring from the New Jersey Education Association. In honor of

his outstanding efforts, the Educational Community of Bergen County has proclaimed the Twenty-Ninth of September to be "John Biondi Day." I join my friends in the education community in saluting this incredible man whose commitment to an improved education system has proved invaluable for countless New Jersey students.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILLIAM HALL HARTER

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 26, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my thanks to Reverend William Hall Harter for his faithful and diligent service to his community. Reverend Harter became the minister to the Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania in 1977, and 25 years later, continues to be an exemplary spiritual leader. He began his career of service as a tutor and adjunct lecturer in the New Testament at the Union Theological Seminary, during which time he also served as the minister at the Margaretville and New Kingston United Presbyterian Churches in the Catskill Mountains of New York. After serving in New York for approximately 10 years, Reverend Harter, his wife Linda, and their children moved to the Chambersburg area where he continued to minister and give