

H.R. 4588, sponsored by the gentleman from California (Mr. DOOLITTLE), reauthorizes the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 for 5 years. When originally authorized in 1984, the initial legislation established a Water Resource and Technology Institute at each of the 54 land grant colleges throughout the country to foster research and training of future scientists and engineers in the water resources field.

This legislation requires more focus on applied research and more oversight to ensure that the research has practical applications, improves water supply reliability, and helps to resolve real water problems outside the academic world. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, we support H.R. 4588 to continue support of water resources research at public universities.

I might add that my district is home to one of these institutes, the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific, or WERI, at the University of Guam. WERI is integral to water research and the protection of water resources in Micronesia, our region of the world. This is an excellent partnership between USGCS and institutions of higher education across the country, and we are pleased to support this reauthorization.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4588, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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OREGON WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2006

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5079) to provide for the modification of an amendatory repayment contract between the Secretary of the Interior and the North Unit Irrigation District, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5079

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 "Oregon Water Resources Management Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PARTICIPATION OF BUREAU OF RECLAMATION IN DESCHUTES RIVER CONSERVANCY.

Section 301 of the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 (division B of Public Law 104-208; 110 Stat. 3009-534) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking "Deschutes River Basin Working Group" and inserting "Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group";

(2) by amending the text of subsection (a)(1)(B) to read as follows: "4 representatives of private interests including two from irrigated agriculture who actively farm more than 100 acres of irrigated land and are not irrigation district managers and two from the environmental community";

(3) in subsection (b)(3), by inserting before the final period the following: ", and up to a total amount of \$2,000,000 during each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015"; and

(4) in subsection (h), by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", and \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2006 through 2015".

SEC. 3. WALLOWA LAKE DAM REHABILITATION ACT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions apply:

(1) ASSOCIATED DITCH COMPANIES, INCORPORATED.—The term "Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated" means the nonprofit corporation established under the laws of the State of Oregon that operates Wallowa Lake Dam.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation.

(3) WALLOWA LAKE DAM REHABILITATION PROGRAM.—The term "Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program" means the program for the rehabilitation of the Wallowa Lake Dam in Oregon, as contained in the engineering document titled, "Phase I Dam Assessment and Preliminary Engineering Design", dated December 2002, and on file with the Bureau of Reclamation.

(b) AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM.—

(1) GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary may provide grants to, or enter into cooperative or other agreements with, tribal, State, and local governmental entities and the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated, to plan, design, and construct facilities needed to implement the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program.

(2) CONDITIONS.—As a condition of providing funds under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that—

(A) the Wallowa Lake Dam Rehabilitation Program and activities under this section meet the standards of the dam safety program of the State of Oregon;

(B) the Associated Ditch Companies, Incorporated, agrees to assume liability for any work performed, or supervised, with Federal funds provided to it under this section; and

(C) the United States shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to a facility rehabilitated or constructed with Federal funds provided under this section, both while and after activities are conducted using Federal funds provided under this section.

(3) COST SHARING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal share of the costs of activities authorized under this section shall not exceed 50 percent.

(B) EXCLUSIONS FROM FEDERAL SHARE.—There shall not be credited against the Federal share of such costs—

(i) any expenditure by the Bonneville Power Administration in the Wallowa River watershed; and

(ii) expenditures made by individual agricultural producers in any Federal commodity or conservation program.

(4) COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW.—The Secretary, in carrying out this section, shall comply with applicable Oregon State water law.

(5) PROHIBITION ON HOLDING TITLE.—The Federal Government shall not hold title to any facility rehabilitated or constructed under this section.

(6) PROHIBITION ON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The Federal Government shall not be responsible for the operation and maintenance of any facility constructed or rehabilitated under this section.

(c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Activities funded under this section shall not be considered a supplemental or additional benefit under Federal reclamation law (the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388, chapter 1093), and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of that Act (43 U.S.C. 371 et seq.)).

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to pay the Federal share of the costs of activities authorized under this section, \$6,000,000.

(e) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 4. LITTLE BUTTE/BEAR CREEK SUBBASINS, OREGON, WATER RESOURCE STUDY.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, may participate in the Water for Irrigation, Streams and the Economy Project water management feasibility study and environmental impact statement in accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement Between City of Medford and Bureau of Reclamation for the Water for Irrigation, Streams, and the Economy Project", dated July 2, 2004.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Bureau of Reclamation \$500,000 to carry out activities under this section.

(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal share shall be 50 percent of the total costs of the Bureau of Reclamation in carrying out subsection (a).

(B) FORM.—The non-Federal share required under subparagraph (A) may be in the form of any in-kind services that the Secretary of the Interior determines would contribute substantially toward the conduct and completion of the study and environmental impact statement required under subsection (a).

(c) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to carry out any provisions of this section shall terminate 10 years after the date of the enactment of this section.

SEC. 5. NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006".

(b) AMENDMENT.—The Act of August 10, 1954 (68 Stat. 679, chapter 663), is amended—

(1) in the first section—

(A) by inserting "(referred to in this Act as the 'District')" after "irrigation district"; and

(B) by inserting "(referred to in this Act as the 'Contract')" after "1953"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL TERMS.

"On approval of the District directors and notwithstanding project authorizing legislation to the contrary, the Contract is modified, without further action by the Secretary of the Interior, to include the following modifications:

"(1) In Article 8(a) of the Contract, by deleting 'a maximum of 50,000' and inserting 'approximately 59,000' after 'irrigation service to'.

"(2) In Article 11(a) of the Contract, by deleting 'The classified irrigable lands within the project comprise 49,817.75 irrigable acres, of which 35,773.75 acres are in Class A and 14,044.40 in Class B. These lands and the standards upon which the classification was made are

described in the document entitled "Land Classification, North Unit, Deschutes Project, 1953" which is on file in the office of the Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Boise, Idaho, and in the office of the District' and inserting 'The classified irrigable land within the project comprises 58,902.8 irrigable acres, all of which are authorized to receive irrigation water pursuant to water rights issued by the State of Oregon and have in the past received water pursuant to such State water rights.'

"(3) In Article 11(c) of the Contract, by deleting ', with the approval of the Secretary,' after 'District may', by deleting 'the 49,817.75 acre maximum limit on the irrigable area is not exceeded' and inserting 'irrigation service is provided to no more than approximately 59,000 acres and no amendment to the District boundary is required' after 'time so long as'.

"(4) In Article 11(d) of the Contract, by inserting ', and may further be used for instream purposes, including fish or wildlife purposes, to the extent that such use is required by Oregon State law in order for the District to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects as authorized by Oregon State law' after 'herein provided'.

"(5) By adding at the end of Article 12(d) the following: '(e) Notwithstanding the above subsections of this Article or Article 13 below, beginning with the irrigation season immediately following the date of enactment of the North Unit Irrigation District Act of 2006, the annual installment for each year, for the District, under the Contract, on account of the District's construction charge obligation, shall be a fixed and equal annual amount payable on June 30 the year following the year for which it is applicable, such that the District's total construction charge obligation shall be completely paid by June 30, 2044.'

"(6) In Article 14(a) of the Contract, by inserting 'and for instream purposes, including fish or wildlife purposes, to the extent that such use is required by Oregon State law in order for the District to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects as authorized by Oregon State law,' after 'and incidental stock and domestic uses', by inserting 'and for instream purposes as described above,' after 'irrigation, stock and domestic uses', and by inserting ', including natural flow rights out of the Crooked River held by the District' after 'irrigation system'.

"(7) In Article 29(a) of the Contract, by inserting 'and for instream purposes, including fish or wildlife purposes, to the extent that such use is required by Oregon State law in order for the District to engage in, or take advantage of, conserved water projects as authorized by Oregon State law' after 'provided in article 11'.

"(8) In Article 34 of the Contract, by deleting 'The District, after the election and upon the execution of this contract, shall promptly secure final decree of the proper State court approving and confirming this contract and decreeing and adjudging it to be a lawful, valid, and binding general obligation of the District. The District shall furnish to the United States certified copies of such decrees and of all pertinent supporting records.' after 'for that purpose'.

"SEC. 4. FUTURE AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE.

"The Secretary of the Interior (acting through the Commissioner of Reclamation) may in the future renegotiate with the District such terms of the Contract as the District directors determine to be necessary, only upon the written request of the District directors and the consent of the Commissioner of Reclamation."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) and the gentlewoman from Guam (Ms. BORDALLO) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 5079, the Oregon Water Resources Management Act of 2006, is sponsored by Congressman GREG WALDEN. It incorporates language from H.R. 5019, S. 166, and S. 251. Each of the bills deals with Oregon water resource management issues. They all have bipartisan support from the Oregon delegation and during the 108th and 109th Congresses had been vetted through the committee hearing process on both the House and Senate sides.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill, which will result in better management of Oregon's water resources.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. BORDALLO asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5079 includes a number of provisions to improve water supplies and water management in the State of Oregon. We have no objections to the consideration of this legislation today.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5079, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title of the bill was amended so as to read: "A bill to update the management of Oregon water resources, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ICE AGE FLOODS NATIONAL GEOLOGIC ROUTE DESIGNATION ACT OF 2006

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 383) to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows

H.R. 383

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 "Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route Designation Act of 2006".

SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Act is to designate the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route in the States of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon, enabling the public to view, experience, and learn about the Ice Age Floods' features and story through the collaborative efforts of public and private entities.

SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

As used in this Act:

(1) ROUTE.—The term "Route" means the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route designated in section 4.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(3) FLOODS.—The term "Ice Age Floods" or "floods" means the cataclysmic floods that occurred in what is now the northwestern United States during the last Ice Age primarily from massive, rapid and recurring drainage of Glacial Lake Missoula.

SEC. 4. DESIGNATION OF THE ICE AGE FLOODS NATIONAL NATIONAL GEOLOGIC ROUTE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—In order to provide for the public appreciation, education, understanding, and enjoyment, through a coordinated interpretive program of certain nationally significant natural and cultural sites associated with Ice Age Floods that are accessible generally by public roads, the Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, with the concurrence of the agency having jurisdiction over such roads, is authorized to designate, by publication of a map or other description thereof in the Federal Register, a vehicular tour route along existing public roads linking such natural and cultural sites. Such route shall be known as the "Ice Age Floods National Geologic Route".

(b) LOCATION.—The location of the Route shall generally follow public roads and highways from the vicinity of Missoula in western Montana, across northern Idaho, through eastern and southern sections of Washington, and across northern Oregon in the vicinity of the Willamette Valley and the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean, as generally depicted on the map titled "Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail", numbered P43/80,000, and dated June 2004.

(c) MAPS.—

(1) REVISIONS.—The Secretary may revise the map by publication in the Federal Register of a notice of availability of a new map, as needed, in cooperation with Federal, State, local, or tribal governments, and other public or private entities.

(2) AVAILABILITY.—Any map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(d) DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN; INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.—

(1) DESCRIPTION OF SITES; PLAN.—Not later than 3 years after the date that funds become available for this Act, the Secretary shall prepare a description of sites along the Route and general plan which shall include the location and description of each of the following:

(A) Unique geographic or geologic features and significant landforms.

(B) Important cultural resources.

(2) INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM.—The general plan shall include proposals for a comprehensive interpretive program of the Route.

(3) TRANSMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary shall transmit the description of sites and general plan to the Committee on Resources of the United States House of Representative and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate.

(4) CONSULTATION.—The description of sites and plan shall be prepared in consultation with other Federal agencies, the State of Montana, the State Idaho, the State of Washington, and the State of Oregon, units of local governments, tribal governments, interested private citizens, and nonprofit organizations, and the Ice Age Floods Institute.

SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of the National Park Service, shall administer a program to interpret the Route in accordance with this Act.

(b) PUBLIC EDUCATION.—With respect to sites linked by segments of the Route which are administered by other Federal, State, tribal, and local nonprofit or private entities, the Secretary