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To terminate new water projects of the Bureau of Reclamation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SANTORUM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To terminate new water projects of the Bureau of Reclamation, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF NEW WATER PROJECTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—After the date of enactment of
5 this Act, the Secretary of the Interior may not design, con-
6 struct, or acquire interests in land for any unit of a rec-
7 lamation project for which funds have not been appro-
8 priated and obligated before the date of enactment of this
9 Act.

1 (b) AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND PROJECTS.—The Sec-
2 retary shall suspend design and construction activities and
3 the acquisition of interests in land for any unit of a rec-
4 lamation project with respect to which the Secretary deter-
5 mines that continuing the unit of the project would result
6 in a net loss to the United States, taking into account
7 the benefits of the project as well as the costs (including
8 the costs (if any) of suspending the project), determined
9 on a dollar basis. The Secretary shall review each reclama-
10 tion project to determine if the project should be termi-
11 nated under this subsection.

12 **SEC. 2. TRANSFER OF OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND RE-**
13 **PLACEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.**

14 The Secretary of the Interior shall seek to transfer
15 the responsibility for operating, maintaining, and replac-
16 ing reclamation projects to the water districts which bene-
17 fit from the projects. Any such transfer may include the
18 transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States
19 in and to the reclamation project or a portion thereof. The
20 Secretary shall adjust the obligation to repay the United
21 States to reflect each such transfer.

22 **SEC. 3. MANAGEMENT OF RECLAMATION PROJECTS RE-**
23 **MAINING UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL.**

24 The Secretary of the Interior shall seek to enter into
25 contracts for the management of any reclamation project

1 or portion thereof not transferred under section 2. Each
2 such contract shall contain such terms and conditions as
3 the Secretary determines will carry out this Act and pro-
4 tect the interests of the United States.

5 **SEC. 4. COST OF WATER PROVIDED FROM RECLAMATION**
6 **PROJECTS.**

7 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment
8 of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall conduct a
9 study and submit a report to the Congress on the true
10 value of water provided from water reclamation projects.
11 The study shall take into account alternate sources of
12 water and the value of the water to the user. The Sec-
13 retary shall include in the report recommendations for
14 charging the recipient of water from a water reclamation
15 project the true value of the water received.

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