

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1657

To amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 2015

Mr. BARRASSO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

To amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Dams Accountability,
5 Maintenance, and Safety Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT BENE-**
7 **FITS.**

8 The Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 (43
9 U.S.C. 506 et seq.) is amended—

10 (1) in section 3, by striking “Construction” and
11 inserting “Except as provided in section 5B, con-
12 struction”; and

1 (2) by inserting after section 5A (43 U.S.C.
2 509) the following:

3 **“SEC. 5B. ADDITIONAL PROJECT BENEFITS.**

4 “Notwithstanding section 3, if the Secretary deter-
5 mines that additional project benefits, including additional
6 conservation storage capacity, are feasible and not incon-
7 sistent with the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is au-
8 thorized to develop additional project benefits through the
9 construction of new or supplementary works on a project
10 in conjunction with the Secretary’s activities under section
11 2 and subject to the conditions described in the feasibility
12 study, provided that—

13 “(1) the Secretary determines that developing
14 additional project benefits through the construction
15 of new or supplementary works on a project will pro-
16 mote more efficient management of water and
17 water-related facilities;

18 “(2) the feasibility study pertaining to addi-
19 tional project benefits has been authorized pursuant
20 to section 8 of the Federal Water Project Recreation
21 Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601–18); and

22 “(3) the costs associated with developing the
23 additional project benefits are allocated to the au-
24 thorized purposes of the structure and repaid con-
25 sistent with all provisions of Federal Reclamation

1 law (the Act of June 17, 1902, 43 U.S.C. 371 et
2 seq.) and Acts supplemental to and amendatory of
3 that Act.”.

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