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[Report No. 106–195]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 24, 1999

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

OCTOBER 18, 1999

Reported by Mr. MURKOWSKI, without amendment

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Hoover Dam Miscella-
3 neous Sales Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) the sale and distribution of general public
7 information about the use of public land and water
8 areas for recreation, fish, wildlife, and other pur-
9 poses serve significant public benefits;

10 (2) publications and other materials educate the
11 public and provide general information about Bu-
12 reau of Reclamation programs and projects;

13 (3) in 1997, more than 1,000,000 visitors, in-
14 cluding 300,000 from foreign countries, toured the
15 Hoover Dam;

16 (4) hundreds of thousands of additional visitors
17 stopped to view the dam;

18 (5) visitors often ask to purchase maps, publi-
19 cations, and other items to enhance their experience
20 or serve educational purposes;

21 (6) in many cases the Bureau of Reclamation
22 is the sole source of those items;

23 (7) the Bureau is in a unique position to fulfill
24 public requests for those items; and

1 (8) as a public agency, the Bureau should be
2 responsive to the public by having appropriate items
3 available for sale.

4 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

5 The purposes of this Act are—

- 6 (1) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to
7 offer for sale to members of the public that visit the
8 Hoover Dam Visitor Center educational materials
9 and memorabilia; and
- 10 (2) to use revenue from those sales to repay the
11 costs relating to construction of the Hoover Dam
12 Visitor Center.

13 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SALES.**

14 With respect to the Hoover Dam, the Secretary of
15 the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Rec-
16 lamation, may—

- 17 (1) conduct sales of—

18 (A) materials generated by the Bureau of
19 Reclamation such as posters, maps, brochures,
20 photographs, and similar publications, video-
21 tapes, and computer information discs that are
22 related to programs or projects of the Bureau;
23 and

1 (B) memorabilia and other commemorative
 2 items that depict programs or projects of the
 3 Bureau;

4 (2) convert unneeded property or scrap material
 5 into Bureau memorabilia for sale purposes; and

6 (3) enter into agreements with nonprofit orga-
 7 nizations, other Federal agencies, State and local
 8 governments, and commercial entities for—

9 (A) the production or sale of items de-
 10 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2); and

11 (B) the sale of publications described in
 12 paragraph (1).

13 **SEC. 5. COSTS AND REVENUES.**

14 (a) COSTS.—All costs incurred by the Bureau of Rec-
 15 lamation under this Act shall be paid from the Colorado
 16 River Dam fund established by section 2 of the Act of
 17 December 21, 1928 (43 U.S.C. 617a).

18 (b) REVENUES.—

19 (1) USE FOR REPAYMENT OF SALES COSTS.—
 20 All revenues collected by the Bureau of Reclamation
 21 under this Act shall be credited to the Colorado
 22 River Dam fund to remain available, without further
 23 Act of appropriation, to pay costs associated with
 24 the production and sale of items in accordance with
 25 section 4.

1 (2) USE FOR REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
2 COSTS.—All revenues collected by the Bureau of
3 Reclamation under this Act that are not needed to
4 pay costs described in paragraph (1) shall be trans-
5 ferred annually to the general fund of the Treasury
6 in repayment of costs relating to construction of the
7 Hoover Dam Visitor Center.

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