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S. 498

To amend title 54, United States Code, to limit the authority to reserve water rights in designating a national monument.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 1, 2021

Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. DAINES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. RESERVATION OF WATER RIGHTS AT NA-**
4 **TIONAL MONUMENTS.**

5 Section 320301 of title 54, United States Code, is
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(e) WATER RIGHTS.—

8 “(1) NO RESERVATION OF WATER RIGHTS.—In
9 designating a national monument under subsection
10 (a), the President may not reserve any implied or

1 expressed water rights associated with the national
2 monument.

3 “(2) APPLICABLE LAW.—Water rights associ-
4 ated with a national monument designated under
5 subsection (a) may be acquired for the national
6 monument only in accordance with the laws of the
7 State in which the water rights are located.”.

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