

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

September 14, 2026.

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 240) entitled “An Act to amend the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 to make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Crow Tribe Water*
3 *Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2025”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. CROW TRIBE WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT.***

5 *(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 403 of the Crow Tribe*
6 *Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291;*
7 *124 Stat. 3097) is amended—*

8 *(1) by striking paragraph (11) and inserting the*
9 *following:*

10 *“(11) MR&I PROJECT.—The term ‘MR&I*
11 *Project’ means an activity described in clauses (i)*
12 *through (iii) of section 411(e)(3)(F).”; and*

13 *(2) in paragraph (12)—*

14 *(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking*
15 *“SYSTEM” and inserting “PROJECTS”; and*

1 (B) in subparagraphs (A) through (C), by
 2 striking “System” each place it appears and in-
 3 serting “Projects”.

4 (b) *REPEAL OF MR&I SYSTEM.*—

5 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 406 of the Crow Tribe
 6 Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law
 7 111–291; 124 Stat. 3102) is repealed.

8 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of con-
 9 tents for the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (Public
 10 Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3064) is amended by striking
 11 the item relating to section 406.

12 (c) *CROW SETTLEMENT FUND.*—Section 411 of the
 13 Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public
 14 Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3113) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “to be adminis-
 16 tered by the Secretary” and inserting “to be managed,
 17 invested, and distributed by the Secretary and to re-
 18 main available until expended, withdrawn, or re-
 19 verted to the general fund of the Treasury, consisting
 20 of amounts deposited in the Fund under subsection
 21 (b), together with any investment earnings, including
 22 interest, earned on those amounts,”;

23 (2) in subsection (c)—

24 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “System”
 25 and inserting “Projects”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(5)(A) *The MR&I Projects Account, to be estab-*
 3 *lished as soon as practicable after the date of enact-*
 4 *ment of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement*
 5 *Amendments Act of 2025, consisting of—*

6 “(i) *amounts made available pursuant*
 7 *to paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 414(b)*
 8 *that are appropriated after the date of en-*
 9 *actment of the Crow Tribe Water Rights*
 10 *Settlement Amendments Act of 2025; and*

11 “(ii) *amounts to be deposited pursuant*
 12 *to section 414(h)(2).*

13 “(B) *Amounts deposited into the MR&I Projects*
 14 *Account shall be further deposited into the special*
 15 *joint signature account named ‘MR&I Account’ estab-*
 16 *lished pursuant to the agreement with the Tribe dated*
 17 *September 13, 2012, prior to any investment earnings*
 18 *accruing or becoming available.’”;*

19 (3) *in subsection (e)—*

20 (A) *in paragraph (2), by striking subpara-*
 21 *graph (C) and inserting the following:*

22 “(C) *the American Indian Trust Fund*
 23 *Management Reform Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C.*
 24 *4001 et seq.).”;* and

25 (B) *in paragraph (3)—*

1 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “through (E)” and inserting “through (F)”;

3 (ii) in subparagraph (E)—

4 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
5 by striking “SYSTEM” and inserting
6 “PROJECTS”; and

7 (II) by striking “System” each
8 place it appears and inserting
9 “Projects”; and

10 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(F) MR&I PROJECTS ACCOUNT.—Funds
13 from the MR&I Projects Account shall be used
14 for expenditures by the Tribe in accordance with
15 the following:

16 “(i) PRIORITY USE OF FUNDS.—The
17 Tribe shall use funds from the MR&I
18 Projects Account—

19 “(I) to plan, permit, design, engi-
20 neer, construct, reconstruct, replace, re-
21 habilitate, operate, or repair water
22 production, treatment, or delivery in-
23 frastructure, including for domestic
24 and municipal use or wastewater in-
25 frastructure; and

1 “(II) to comply with applicable
2 environmental laws for the activities
3 described in subclause (I).

4 “(ii) *OTHER USE OF FUNDS.*—After
5 providing written notice to the Secretary
6 that on-Reservation MR&I projects de-
7 scribed in clause (i) are complete, the Tribe
8 may use funds remaining in the MR&I
9 Projects Account to purchase on-Reservation
10 land with water rights.”; and

11 (4) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(i) *TITLE TO INFRASTRUCTURE.*—Title to, control
13 over, and operation of any project constructed using funds
14 from the MR&I Projects Account shall remain in the Tribe.

15 “(j) *OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACE-*
16 *MENT.*—The Federal Government shall have no obligation
17 to pay for the operation, maintenance, or replacement of
18 any MR&I Project.”.

19 (d) *YELLOWTAIL DAM, MONTANA.*—Subsection (b)(1)
20 of section 412 of the Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement
21 Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124 Stat. 3116) is
22 amended by striking “15 years” and inserting “20 years”.

23 (e) *FUNDING.*—Section 414 of the Crow Tribe Water
24 Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291; 124
25 Stat. 3120) is amended in subsection (e)—

1 (1) *in the subsection heading, by striking “SYS-*
 2 *TEM” and inserting “PROJECTS”; and*

3 (2) *by striking “System” and inserting*
 4 *“Projects”.*

5 (f) *TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—*

6 (1) *Section 403(9) of the Crow Tribe Water*
 7 *Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291;*
 8 *124 Stat. 3098) is amended by striking “(25 U.S.C.*
 9 *450b)” and inserting “(25 U.S.C. 5304)”.*

10 (2) *Section 410(e)(1) of the Crow Tribe Water*
 11 *Rights Settlement Act of 2010 (Public Law 111–291;*
 12 *124 Stat. 3112) is amended in subparagraph (C), by*
 13 *striking “agreements with the Tribe required by sec-*
 14 *tions 405(a) and 406(a)” and inserting “agreement*
 15 *with the Tribe required by section 405(a)”.*

Attest:

Clerk.

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AMENDMENT