

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 745

To deauthorize the Animas-La Plata Federal reclamation project, and to direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into negotiations to satisfy, in a manner consistent with all Federal laws, the water rights interests of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 1997

Mr. DeFAZIO (for himself, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. PORTER, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. DOYLE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DEAUTHORIZATION OF ANIMAS-LA PLATA FED-**
2 **ERAL RECLAMATION PROJECT.**

3 (a) DEAUTHORIZATION.—The Animas-La Plata
4 Project, Colorado and New Mexico (a participating project
5 under the Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105; 43 U.S.C.
6 620; commonly referred to as the “Colorado River Storage
7 Act”), and the Colorado River Basin Project Act (82 Stat.
8 885; 43 1501 et seq.)), is not authorized after the enact-
9 ment of this Act.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1 of the
11 Act of April 11, 1956 (70 Stat. 105; 43 U.S.C. 620; com-
12 monly referred to as the “Colorado River Storage Act”),
13 is amended by striking “Animas-La Plata,”.

14 (c) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary of the Interior
15 shall promptly seek to enter into negotiations with the Ute
16 Mountain Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Indian
17 Tribe to satisfy, in a manner consistent with all Federal
18 laws, the water rights interests of those tribes that were
19 intended to be satisfied with water supplied from the
20 Animas-La Plata Project.

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