

Union Calendar No. 523

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3067

[Report No. 106–870]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain facilities to
Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 13, 1999

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (for herself and Mr. SIMPSON) introduced the
following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 20, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on October 13, 1999]

A BILL

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facilities to Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District.

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 “Nampa and Meridian*
5 *Conveyance Act”.*

1 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF FACILITIES.**

2 *The Secretary of the Interior (in this Act referred to*
3 *as the “Secretary”) shall, as soon as practicable after the*
4 *date of enactment of this Act, convey facilities to the Nampa*
5 *and Meridian Irrigation District (in this Act referred to*
6 *as the “District”) in accordance with all applicable laws*
7 *and pursuant to the terms of the Memorandum of Agree-*
8 *ment (contract No. 1425–99MA102500, dated 7 July 1999)*
9 *between the Secretary and the District. The conveyance of*
10 *facilities shall include all right, title, and interest of the*
11 *United States in and to any portion of the canals, laterals,*
12 *drains, and any other portion of the water distribution and*
13 *drainage system that is operated or maintained by the Dis-*
14 *trict for delivery of water to and drainage of water from*
15 *lands within the boundaries of the District.*

16 **SEC. 3. LIABILITY.**

17 *Except as otherwise provided by law, effective on the*
18 *date of conveyance of facilities under this Act, the United*
19 *States shall not be liable for damages of any kind arising*
20 *out of any act, omission, or occurrence based on its prior*
21 *ownership or operation of the conveyed property.*

22 **SEC. 4. EXISTING RIGHTS NOT AFFECTED.**

23 *Nothing in this Act affects the rights of any person*
24 *except as provided in this Act. No water rights shall be*
25 *transferred, modified, or otherwise affected by the convey-*
26 *ance of facilities and interests to the Nampa and Meridian*

1 *Irrigation District under this Act. Such conveyance shall*
2 *not affect or abrogate any provision of any contract exe-*
3 *cuted by the United States or State law regarding any irri-*
4 *gation district's right to use water developed in the facilities*
5 *conveyed.*

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