

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 937

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for any program that restricts the use of any privately owned water source.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 8, 2001

Mr. POMBO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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. FINDINGS.**

4 The Congress finds the following:

5 (1) Some State and local governments restrict
6 the use of privately owned water sources and impose
7 fees on the owners of such sources for connection to
8 or use of a public water supply.

9 (2) Although State and local governments gen-
10 erally cite health and safety concerns in support of

1 such restrictions, the actual governmental concern is
2 often obtaining additional funds for the public water
3 supply.

4 (3) By failing to respect the preferences of pri-
5 vate water source owners for using their own water
6 sources, State and local governments adversely af-
7 fect competition in the marketplace and contribute
8 to higher costs for property owners, rural businesses,
9 and farms.

10 (4) By funding State or local water resource
11 programs, the Federal Government may impose un-
12 necessary burdens on property owners, rural busi-
13 nesses, and farms.

14 **SEC. 2. RESTRICTION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

15 Federal funds may not be used for any governmental
16 program that restricts the use of any privately owned
17 water source, unless such source is specifically found by
18 the head of the governmental entity that imposes the re-
19 striction to pose a risk to human health.

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