

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1327

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2005

Mr. TIAHRT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Resources

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Wichita Project Equus  
5       Beds Division Authorization Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. EQUUS BEDS DIVISION.**

2       The Act entitled “An Act to provide for the construc-  
3 tion of the Cheney division, Wichita Federal reclamation  
4 project, Kansas, and for other purposes” (Public Law 86–  
5 787; 74 Stat. 1026) is amended by adding the following  
6 new section:

7 **“SEC. 10. EQUUS BEDS DIVISION.**

8       “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of the Interior  
9 may assist in the funding and implementation of the  
10 Equus Beds Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Component  
11 which is a part of the ‘Integrated Local Water Supply  
12 Plan, Wichita, Kansas’ (referred to in this section as the  
13 ‘Equus Beds Division’). Construction of the Equus Beds  
14 Division shall be in substantial accordance with the plans  
15 and designs.

16       “(b) OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPLACE-  
17 MENT.—Operation, maintenance, and replacement of the  
18 Equus Beds Division, including funding for those pur-  
19 poses, shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Wich-  
20 ita, Kansas. The Equus Beds Division shall be operated  
21 in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

22       “(c) AGREEMENTS.—The Secretary of the Interior  
23 may enter into, or agree to amendments of, cooperative  
24 agreements and other appropriate agreements to carry out  
25 this section.

1       “(d) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.—From funds made  
2 available for this section, the Secretary of the Interior may  
3 charge an appropriate share related to administrative  
4 costs incurred.

5       “(e) PLANS AND ANALYSES CONSISTENT WITH FED-  
6 ERAL LAW.—Before obligating funds for design or con-  
7 struction under this section, the Secretary of the Interior  
8 shall work cooperatively with the City of Wichita, Kansas,  
9 to use, to the extent possible, plans, designs, and engineer-  
10 ing and environmental analyses that have already been  
11 prepared by the City for the Equus Beds Division. The  
12 Secretary of the Interior shall assure that such informa-  
13 tion is used consistent with applicable Federal laws and  
14 regulations, including principles and guidelines used in  
15 preparing feasibility level project studies.

16       “(f) TITLE; RESPONSIBILITY; LIABILITY.—Nothing  
17 in this section or assistance provided under this section  
18 shall be construed to transfer title, responsibility, or liabil-  
19 ity related to the Equus Beds Division (including portions  
20 or features thereof) to the United States.

21       “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
22 is authorized to be appropriated as the Federal share of  
23 the total cost of the Equus Beds Division, an amount not  
24 to not exceed 25 percent of the total cost or \$30,000,000  
25 (January, 2003 prices), whichever is less, plus or minus

1 such amounts, if any, as may be justified by reason of  
2 ordinary fluctuations in construction costs as indicated by  
3 engineering cost indexes applicable to the type of construc-  
4 tion involved herein, whichever is less. Such sums shall  
5 be nonreimbursable.”.

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