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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Yakima-Tieton Irriga-
5 tion District Conveyance Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN BUILDINGS AND LANDS**
7 **OF THE YAKIMA PROJECT, WASHINGTON.**

8 (a) CONVEYANCE REQUIRED.—The Secretary of the
9 Interior shall convey to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation Dis-

1 trict, located in Yakima County, Washington, all right,
2 title, and interest of the United States in and to the build-
3 ings and lands of the Yakima Project, Washington, in ac-
4 cordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the
5 agreement titled “Agreement Between the United States
6 and the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District to Transfer
7 Title to Certain Federally Owned Buildings and Lands,
8 With Certain Property Rights, Title, and Interest, to the
9 Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District” (Contract No. 5-07-
10 10-L1658).

11 (b) LIABILITY.—Effective upon the date of convey-
12 ance under this section, the United States shall not be
13 held liable by any court for damages of any kind arising
14 out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the con-
15 veyed buildings and lands, except for damages caused by
16 acts of negligence committed by the United States or by
17 its employees or agents before the date of conveyance.
18 Nothing in this section increases the liability of the United
19 States beyond that provided in chapter 171 of title 28,
20 United States Code (popularly known as the Federal Tort
21 Claims Act), on the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (c) BENEFITS.—After conveyance of the buildings
23 and lands to the Yakima-Tieton Irrigation District under
24 this section—

1 (1) such buildings and lands shall not be con-
2 sidered to be a part of a Federal reclamation
3 project; and

4 (2) such irrigation district shall not be eligible
5 to receive any benefits with respect to any buildings
6 and lands conveyed, except benefits that would be
7 available to a similarly situated person with respect
8 to such buildings and lands that are not part of a
9 Federal reclamation project.

10 (d) REPORT.—If the Secretary of the Interior has not
11 completed the conveyance required under subsection (a)
12 within 12 months after the date of the enactment of this
13 Act, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report that
14 explains the reason such conveyance has not been com-
15 pleted and stating the date by which the conveyance will
16 be completed.

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