

110TH CONGRESS
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S. 2378

To authorize the voluntary purchase of certain properties in Treece, Kansas, endangered by the Cherokee County National Priorities List Site, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2007

Mr. ROBERTS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AU-**
4 **THORITY.**

5 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Administrator of the En-
6 vironmental Protection Agency shall make available to the
7 State of Kansas in fiscal year 2009 not more than
8 \$6,000,000 for use by the State in accordance with sub-
9 section (b).

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS BY STATE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—The State of Kansas shall—

3 (A) deposit the amounts received under
4 subsection (a) into the fund established under
5 Kansas House Bill 2168 (2007), entitled “An
6 Act concerning certain communities within
7 superfund sites; providing for relocation and
8 other assistance.” and enacted on July 13,
9 2007 (2007 Kan. Sess. Laws 17); and

10 (B) use the amounts in accordance with
11 that bill for the purpose of—

12 (i) purchasing, with the consent of the
13 property owners, the properties described
14 in paragraph (2); and

15 (ii) providing relocation assistance to
16 the residents of those properties.

17 (2) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES.—The prop-
18 erties referred to in paragraph (1) are—

19 (A) properties in Treece, Kansas, that are
20 in danger of being destroyed by subsidence re-
21 lating to, and that may endanger the health of
22 occupants as a result of risks posed by, the
23 Cherokee County National Priorities List Site;
24 and

1 (B) residential properties of water cus-
2 tomers of Picher, Oklahoma, residing in or near
3 Treece, Kansas.

4 (c) LIMITATION.—The Uniform Relocation Assist-
5 ance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
6 (42 U.S.C. 4601 et seq.) shall not apply to any use of
7 funds in accordance with this section.

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