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# S. 2544

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within the Northport Irrigation District in the State of Nebraska.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 26, 2014

Mr. JOHANNIS (for himself and Mrs. FISCHER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. EARLY REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 213 of  
5 the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm),  
6 any landowner within the Northport Irrigation District in  
7 the State of Nebraska (referred to in this section as the  
8 “district”) may repay, at any time, the construction costs

1 of project facilities allocated to the land of the landowner  
2 within the district.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY OF FULL-COST PRICING LIMITA-  
4 TIONS.—On discharge, in full, of the obligation for repay-  
5 ment of the construction costs that are allocated to all  
6 land of the landowner in the district, the land shall not  
7 be subject to the ownership and full-cost pricing limita-  
8 tions under the reclamation laws.

9 (c) CERTIFICATION.—On request of a landowner that  
10 has repaid, in full, the construction costs described in sub-  
11 section (a), the Secretary of the Interior shall provide to  
12 the landowner a certificate described in section 213(b)(1)  
13 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C.  
14 390mm(b)(1)).

15 (d) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section—

16 (1) modifies any contractual rights under, or  
17 amends or reopens, the reclamation contract between  
18 the district and the United States; or

19 (2) modifies any rights, obligations, or relation-  
20 ships between the district and landowners in the dis-  
21 trict under Nebraska State law.

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