

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 313

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to exclude certain provisions relating to water resources development projects of the Corps of Engineers or the Bureau of Reclamation from the definition of congressional earmark, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMAS J. ROONEY of Florida submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to exclude certain provisions relating to water resources development projects of the Corps of Engineers or the Bureau of Reclamation from the definition of congressional earmark, and for other purposes.

Whereas the Rules of the House of Representatives define an earmark as a Member request for funding targeted to a specific State, locality, or congressional district, other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process;

Whereas the Congressional Research Service reports that 85 percent of Corps of Engineers projects (Corps projects) and 75 percent of Bureau of Reclamation projects (Reclamation projects) are geographically specific studies or

projects, and the appropriation of funds for Corps and Reclamation projects is not determined through a formula-driven or competitive award process; and

Whereas the appropriation of funds for Corps and Reclamation projects is not intended to supersede applicable allocation authorities under section 302(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 633(a)), or to preclude the requirement that a Corps or Reclamation project receive an authorization prior to the allocation of appropriations for the project: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

3 This resolution may be cited as the “Responsible En-
4 vironmental Preservation and American Infrastructure
5 Restoration Resolution” or the “REPAIR Resolution”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN WATER RESOURCES DE-**
7 **VELOPMENT PROJECTS FROM DEFINITION**
8 **OF CONGRESSIONAL EARMARK.**

9 Clause 9(e) of rule XXI of the Rules of the House
10 of Representatives is amended—

11 (1) by striking “(e) For the purpose” and in-
12 serting “(e)(1) For the purpose”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) For the purpose of this clause, the term ‘con-
15 gressional earmark’ does not include a provision or report
16 language described in subparagraph (1) if the provision
17 or report language provides, authorizes, or recommends an

- 1 amount of discretionary budget authority for a project of
- 2 the Corps of Engineers or the Bureau of Reclamation.”.

