

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN].

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present H.R. 3916 to the House.

This bill, which was cosponsored by my colleagues from New Jersey, Mr. ANDREWS and Pennsylvania, Mr. FOX, will permit university-level linguistic researchers to use Voice of American and Radio Marti transcripts for the purpose of research. The authority provided in this bill sunsets after 5 years.

This legislation is necessary since the U.S. Information Agency is forbidden to disseminate domestically the materials it produces. This legislation waives this prohibition, allowing USIA to provide computer-readable multilingual text and recorded speech in various languages to the University of Pennsylvania's Linguistic Data Consortium. The authority to release the VOA transcripts is carefully targeted to the university-level research community.

All the data to be received by the Consortium will be processed in electronic form by computers to create statistical tables and models of speech and written language, from which content is not recoverable. Thus there is no question of the data being redistributed as news or as any kind of product other than a data base for linguistic research and development.

The Linguistic Data Consortium is a nonprofit organization founded in 1992 with the mission of making resources for research in linguistic technologies widely available. About 80 companies, universities, and government agencies are members of the consortium. The data will be provided at not cost to the Government; the consortium is required to reimburse the Government for any costs the Government incurs.

The U.S. Information Agency, I should add, has no objective to the enactment of this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3916.

As Chairman GILMAN has explained, this bill will allow the U.S. Information Agency to make available certain transcripts and recordings to a research consortium associated with the University of Pennsylvania.

The Linguistic Data Consortium is associated with the University of Pennsylvania and other universities, companies, and Government agencies. It will use these materials in research into computerized speech recognition and voice synthesis, document retrieval, computerized translation, and other areas.

Transcripts of broadcasts by the Voice of America and Radio Marti are

considered unusual and valuable for research by this consortium because these services broadcast in so many languages.

This research could lead to the development of software that will help U.S. companies as well as Government agencies translate their products and technology into other languages. This is an area where our European counterparts are ahead of the United States.

Research conducted as a result of this bill could help U.S. companies catch up.

I commend the chairman for bringing this bill forward and I urge its adoption.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3916.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on the subject of the measure just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

RECLAMATION RECYCLING AND WATER CONSERVATION ACT OF 1996

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3660) to make amendments to the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 3660

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reclamation Recycling and Water Conservation Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. WATER RECYCLING PROJECTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended—

(1) by redesignating sections 1615, 1616, and 1617 as sections 1631, 1632, and 1633, respectively, and

(2) by inserting after section 1614 the following new sections:

"SEC. 1615. NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and

local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the North San Diego County Area Water Recycling Project, consisting of projects to reclaim and reuse water within service areas of the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, the Leucadia County Water District, the City of Carlsbad, and the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

"SEC. 1616. CALLEGUAS MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service area of the Calleguas Municipal Water District in Ventura County, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

"SEC. 1617. CENTRAL VALLEY WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Central Valley Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service areas of the Central Valley Reclamation Facility and the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District in Utah.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

"SEC. 1618. ST. GEORGE AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the St. George Area Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service area of the Washington County Water Conservancy District in Utah.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

"SEC. 1619. WATSONVILLE AREA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of Watsonville, California, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the Pajaro Valley in Santa Cruz County, California.

"(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

"(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

"SEC. 1620. SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER RECYCLING PROJECT.

"(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and

local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Southern Nevada Water Recycling Project to reclaim and reuse water in the service area of the Southern Nevada Water Authority in Clark County, Nevada.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1621. ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE STUDY.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is authorized to participate in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Water Reclamation and Reuse Study to reclaim and reuse industrial and municipal wastewater and reclaim and use naturally impaired ground water in the Albuquerque metropolitan area.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1622. EL PASO WATER RECLAMATION AND REUSE PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the El Paso Water Reclamation and Reuse Project to reclaim and reuse wastewater in the service area of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board, El Paso, Texas.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1623. RECLAIMED WATER IN PASADENA.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the City of Pasadena, California, reclaimed water project to obtain, store, and use reclaimed water in Pasadena and its service area, as well as neighboring communities.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1624. PHASE 1 OF THE ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of phase 1 of the Orange County Regional Water Reclamation Project, to reclaim and reuse water within the service area of the Orange County Water District in California.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1625. CITY OF WEST JORDAN WATER REUSE PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of West Jordan,

Utah, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the City of West Jordan Water Reuse Project to recycle and reuse water in its service area from the South Valley Water Reclamation Facility Discharge Waters in Utah.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1626. HI-DESERT WATER DISTRICT IN YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND REUSE FACILITY.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley, California wastewater collection and reuse facility.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1627. MISSION BASIN BRACKISH GROUND-WATER DESALTING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the City of Oceanside, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of a 3,000,000 gallon per day expansion of the Mission Basin Brackish Groundwater Desalting Demonstration Project in Oceanside, California.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1628. TREATMENT OF EFFLUENT FROM THE SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the Water Replenishment District of Southern California, the Orange County Water District in the State of California, and other appropriate authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects to treat approximately 10,000 acre-feet per year of effluent from the sanitation districts of Los Angeles County through the city of Long Beach.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1629. SAN JOAQUIN AREA WATER RECYCLING AND REUSE PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the appropriate State and local authorities, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the San Joaquin Area Water Recycling and Reuse Project, in cooperation with the City of Tracy, and consisting of participating projects which will reclaim and reuse water within the County of San Joaquin in California.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).

“SEC. 1630. TOOELE WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND REUSE PROJECT.

“(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in cooperation with Tooele City, Utah, is authorized to participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Tooele Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Project.

“(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost of a project described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 25 percent of the total cost.

“(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of a project described in subsection (a).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 1631 of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is amended by striking out “1614” and inserting in lieu thereof “1630”.

(2) Section 1632(c) of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is amended by striking out “section 1617” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 1633”.

(3) Section 1633 of such Act, as redesignated by subsection (a)(1), is amended by striking out “section 1616” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 1632”.

(c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sections in section 2 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 is amended—

(1) by redesignating the items relating to sections 1615, 1616, and 1617 as items relating to sections 1631, 1632, and 1633, respectively, and

(2) by inserting after the item relating to section 1614 the following new items:

“Sec. 1615. North San Diego County Area Water Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1616. Calleguas Municipal Water District Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1617. Central Valley Water Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1618. St. George Area Water Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1619. Watsonville Area Water Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1620. Southern Nevada Water Recycling Project.

“Sec. 1621. Albuquerque Metropolitan Area Water Reclamation and Reuse Study.

“Sec. 1622. El Paso Water Reclamation and Reuse Project.

“Sec. 1623. Reclaimed Water in Pasadena.

“Sec. 1624. Phase 1 of the Orange County Regional Water Reclamation Project.

“Sec. 1625. City of West Jordan Water Reuse Project.

“Sec. 1626. Hi-Desert Water District in Yucca Valley, California Wastewater Collection and Reuse Facility.

“Sec. 1627. Mission Basin Brackish Groundwater Desalting Demonstration Project.

“Sec. 1628. Treatment of effluent from the sanitation districts of Los Angeles County through the City of Long Beach.

“Sec. 1629. San Joaquin Area Water Recycling and Reuse Project.

“Sec. 1630. Tooele Wastewater Treatment and Reuse Project.”.

SEC. 3. APPRAISAL INVESTIGATIONS.

Section 1603(b) of (43 U.S.C. 390h-1(b)) is amended in the matter preceding paragraph (1) by inserting “by the Secretary or the non-Federal project sponsor” after “undertaken”.

SEC. 4. FEASIBILITY STUDIES.

Section 1604(c) of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h-2(c)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "authorized" and inserting "conducted by the Secretary or the non-Federal project sponsor";

(2) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by inserting "at least two alternative" after "(3)",

(B) by striking "and" after "measures" and inserting "or", and

(C) by inserting "for the project under consideration" after "reuse";

(3) in paragraph (4), by striking "and," at the end;

(4) in paragraph (5), by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (A), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting "; or", and by adding at the end the following:

"(C) reduce the demand on existing Federal water supply facilities,"; and

(5) by adding at the end the following:

"(6) the market or dedicated use for reclaimed water in the project's service area; and

"(7) the financial capability of the non-Federal project sponsor to fund its proportionate share of the project's construction costs on an annual basis."

SEC. 5. DESALINATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Section 1605 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h-3) is amended—

(1) by designating the existing text as subsection (a); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b)(1) The Secretary, in cooperation with the city of Long Beach, the Central Basin Municipal Water District, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California may participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Long Beach Desalination Research and Development Project in Los Angeles County, California.

"(2) The Federal share of the cost of the project described in paragraph (1) shall not exceed 50 percent of the total.

"(3) The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of the project described in paragraph (1).

"(c)(1) The Secretary, in cooperation with the Southern Nevada Water Authority, may participate in the design, planning, and construction of the Las Vegas Area Shallow Aquifer Desalination Research and Development Project in Clark County, Nevada.

"(2) The Federal share of the cost of the project described in paragraph (1) shall not exceed 50 percent of the total.

"(3) The Secretary shall not provide funds for the operation or maintenance of the project described in paragraph (1).

"(d) A Federal contribution in excess of 25 percent for a project under this section may not be made until after the Secretary determines that the project is not feasible without such Federal contribution."

SEC. 6. SAN FRANCISCO AREA WATER RECLAMATION STUDY.

Section 1611(c) of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h-9(c)) is amended by striking "four" and inserting "five".

SEC. 7. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 1631 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h-13), as amended by section 2 of this Act, is amended by inserting "(a)" before "There are authorized" and by adding at the end the following:

"(b)(1) Funds may not be appropriated for the construction of any project authorized by this title until after—

"(A) an appraisal investigation and a feasibility study that complies with the provisions of sections 1603(b) or 1604(c), as the case may be, have been completed by the Secretary or the non-Federal project sponsor;

"(B) the Secretary has determined that the non-Federal project sponsor is financially capable of funding the non-Federal share of the project's costs; and

"(C) the Secretary has approved a cost-sharing agreement with the non-Federal project sponsor which commits the non-Federal project sponsor to funding its proportionate share of the project's construction costs on an annual basis.

"(2) The requirements of paragraph (1) shall not apply to those projects authorized by this title for which funds were appropriated prior to January 1, 1996.

"(c) The Secretary shall notify the Committees on Resources and Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and Appropriations of the Senate within 30 days after the signing of a cost-sharing agreement pursuant to subsection (b) that such an agreement has been signed and that the Secretary has determined that the non-Federal project sponsor is financially capable of funding the project's non-Federal share of the project's costs.

"(d)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title and except as provided by paragraph (2), the Federal share of the costs of each of the individual projects authorized by this title shall not exceed \$20,000,000 (October 1996 prices).

"(2) In the case of any project authorized by this title for which construction funds were appropriated before January 1, 1996, the Federal share of the cost of such project may not exceed the amount specified as the 'total Federal obligation' for that project in the budget justification made by the Bureau of Reclamation for fiscal year 1997, as contained in part 3 of the report of the hearing held on March 27, 1996, before the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] and the gentleman from California [Mr. MILLER] each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE].

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. DOOLITTLE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3660. This bill would amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the design, planning and construction of additional water recycling and reuse projects.

This water reuse program, administered by the Bureau of Reclamation, is an important tool for western communities. At a time when few dams and storage reservoirs are being constructed in the arid West, water reuse is an ideal means of increasing the water supply in certain areas. Several of the projects authorized in this bill would use reclaimed water for groundwater recharge, industrial applications, irrigation, or municipal landscaping. Using reclaimed water for these purposes stretches potable water supplies, and reduces the demand on overdrafted groundwater aquifers and surface water supplies.

This bill limits the Federal cost share for most of these reuse projects to 25 percent of the design and construction costs, and does not authorize any funds for operation and maintenance expenses. Title to all projects under this bill, as well as those authorized under the 1992 act, would be held by the non-Federal project sponsors.

In an effort to establish more stringent criteria for projects receiving initial Federal funding after January 1, 1996, the bill makes certain changes to the underlying 1992 act. Those changes include requirements that appraisal investigations and feasibility studies be conducted before funds can be appropriated for the project, and that a cost-sharing agreement between the Secretary and the non-Federal sponsor be signed. Finally, H.R. 3660 establishes a cap on the Federal share of the costs for an individual project, not to exceed \$20 million for any project not already receiving Federal funding.

H.R. 3660 expands an important water reuse program that can help solve the growing water supply problems facing many western communities and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

H.R. 3660 amends title 16 of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to authorize a number of new projects for wastewater reclamation and reuse, and two new desalting projects.

I generally support the provisions of this legislation. I note, however, that H.R. 3660 is the largest Western water project authorization bill reported by the Committee on Resources in the 104th Congress, with a potential Federal cost of more than \$150 million. Several of the projects authorized in this bill have not been subject to hearings by the Resources Committee.

The bill sets some important new requirements for Federal participation in these wastewater reclamation projects:

Project sponsors must prepare appraisal studies and feasibility-level studies before seeking Federal appropriations; my understanding of this bill is that NEPA compliance is not waived.

Local sponsors must be able to demonstrate that they can meet cost-sharing requirements.

Meaningful cost-sharing agreements must be executed.

In this bill, the Federal share for wastewater reclamation and reuse projects is limited to 25 percent of the total project cost, and the Federal share of each wastewater reclamation project is capped at \$20 million. The \$20 million per project cap on Federal

funding and the strict requirements for receiving Federal assistance are appropriate and welcome additions to this bill.

The two desalination projects provide for Federal contributions up to 50 percent of the total project costs, and Federal contributions for these projects are also capped at \$20 million.

Wastewater reclamation and reuse projects are a valuable tool for water management in the Western United States; these projects can be used as an alternative to more expensive and environmentally destructive traditional water projects. This legislation will undoubtedly encourage many communities in our heavily populated Western States to proceed with water recycling projects that will reduce the demand on scarce freshwater supplies. As we consider appropriations requests for these projects in years to come, Members will have to decide whether the relatively high costs of these projects make them worthwhile.

I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3660.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California [Mr. CUNNINGHAM].

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3660. This bill will provide an important piece of proenvironment legislation which will assist our local communities to build and design water reclamation and recycling projects.

My district in San Diego County is almost entirely dependent upon imported water for its industrial, residential, and agricultural water supply needs. The majority of the imported water that reaches my congressional district originates in northern California or the Colorado River and is transported through a series of aqueducts and pipelines that cross over the San Andreas earthquake fault. As such, water supply in northern San Diego County is a limited resource that is consistently at risk due to drought, demands elsewhere in the State, and natural disasters.

To minimize the potential risks to our water supply, water districts in my congressional district have embarked on a number of water conservation and reuse initiatives designed to reduce demand and provide alternative supplies for nonpotable applications. One of these initiatives is the north San Diego County Area Water Recycling Project. This project is a cooperative effort between the Leucadia County Water District, the San Elijo Joint Powers Authority, the Olivenhain Municipal Water District, and the city of Carlsbad, CA. When completed, the combined production of the two treatment plants will be up to 25 million gallons per day of recycled water. This water can be used for landscaping, golf courses, schools, nurseries, agricultural irrigation and industrial applications.

Reclaimed water is an increasingly important element in California's

water supply. Regional reclamation projects like this are expected to meet a large portion of California's future water supply needs. Implementation of these projects will reduce the San Diego region's reliance on imported water and produce both economic and environmental benefits for all Californians.

I would like to thank the committee and the chairman for bringing this bill forward and ask that my colleagues support H.R. 3660.

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3660 because it authorizes phase 1 of the Orange County Water Reclamation Project near my congressional district.

I particularly want to thank chairman DOOLITTLE, chairman HANSEN, and chairman YOUNG for their support and willingness to include my project in their legislation.

Last Congress, I introduced a free-standing bill, H.R. 4987, with Congressmen COX, DORNAN, PACKARD, and ROYCE to authorize the entire Orange County Water Reclamation Project.

This project is vital to the long-term water supply of Orange County and the environmental health of the Santa Ana River. As you know, the long-term water supply outlook for my constituents in Orange County is bleak. Over the next several years, southern California will lose Colorado River Water to Arizona, and it's doubtful that significant new supplies will come from the north.

In short, we have very few water options in southern California. It is critical that we make the most of our existing supplies and recycle water wherever possible.

Phase 1 of this project will capture 50,000 acre feet of secondary effluent water per year [AFY] from the county sanitation district, clean it, and then pump the recycled water to parks, industrial water users and the Santa Ana River water recharge basins.

Rather than dump the effluent water into the Santa Ana and the Pacific Ocean, we can clean it, use it for parks and industrial purposes, and recharge our ground water basins.

When phase 2 and 3 of the project are completed, Orange County will recycle 100,000 acre feet of water per year. That's enough water for 400,000 constituents.

This is a win-win project for the environment and water users.

Again, let me thank the chairman and the Orange County delegation for their support of my project.

The committee has put together a fine bill, and I urge all of my colleagues to vote for its passage.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, in 1992, Congress passed into law the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act, which authorized the Bureau of Reclamation to contribute up to 25 percent of the cost of designing and constructing water recycling and reuse projects.

This program provides a sensible and lasting solution to the growing problem of dwindling municipal, industrial, and agricultural water supplies in many areas of the country. It will also help preserve and protect environmentally sensitive watersheds by reducing demands for freshwater supplies and by cutting back on wastewater discharges into sensitive bays and estuaries.

H.R. 3660 amends title XVI of the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act

of 1992, to include additional worthy water reuse and recycling projects not named in the original bill.

Economically and environmentally, the next step to guaranteeing more dependable and cheaper supplies of water is water reuse and recycling. Recycling programs treat wastewater that can be safely used to irrigate crops, land, golf courses, freeway medians, and replenish groundwater basins as well as supply water to industry.

Because of the success of title XVI, communities from around the country are looking to water recycling as an effective way to serve their customers in an environmentally friendly manner. This program is a unique win-win program which goes a long way toward preparing for the future, preserving fresh water reserves, easing the burden of Federal mandates and protecting our environment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to support this amendment, and I would like to thank you and subcommittee chairman Mr. DOOLITTLE for your assistance with this measure.

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of the bill. I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WICKER). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California [Mr. DOOLITTLE] that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 3660, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

FORT PECK RURAL COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ACT OF 1996

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 1467) to authorize the construction of the Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply system, to authorize assistance to the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for the planning, design, and construction of the water supply system, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 1467

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Fort Peck Rural County Water Supply System Act of 1996".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act:

(1) CONSTRUCTION.—The term "construction" means such activities associated with the actual development or construction of facilities as are initiated on execution of contracts for construction.

(2) DISTRICT.—The term "District" means the Fort Peck Rural County Water District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation in Montana.

(3) FEASIBILITY STUDY.—The term "feasibility study" means the study entitled "Final Engineering Report and Alternative Evaluation for the Fort Peck Rural County Water District", dated September 1994.