

# Union Calendar No. 323

106<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1106

[Report No. 106-593]

To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to make grants to State agencies with responsibility for water source development for the purpose of maximizing available water supply and protecting the environment through the development of alternative water sources.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1999

Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mrs. FOWLER, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BOYD, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. SHAW, Mr. STEARNS, and Mr. YOUNG of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

MAY 2, 2000

Additional sponsors: Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BERRY, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. KUCINICH

MAY 2, 2000

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on March 11, 1999]

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Alternative Water*  
5 *Sources Act of 2000”.*

6 **SEC. 2. GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE**  
7 **PROJECTS.**

8 *Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33*  
9 *U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the*  
10 *following:*

11 **“SEC. 220. GRANTS FOR ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE**  
12 **PROJECTS.**

13 *“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator may make*  
14 *grants to State, interstate, and intrastate water resource*  
15 *development agencies (including water management dis-*  
16 *tricts and water supply authorities), local government agen-*

1 *cies, private utilities, and nonprofit entities for alternative*  
 2 *water source projects to meet critical water supply needs.*

3 “(b) *ELIGIBLE ENTITY.*—*The Administrator may*  
 4 *make grants under this section to an entity only if the enti-*  
 5 *ty has authority under State law to develop or provide*  
 6 *water for municipal, industrial, and agricultural uses in*  
 7 *an area of the State that is experiencing critical water sup-*  
 8 *ply needs.*

9 “(c) *SELECTION OF PROJECTS.*—

10 “(1) *LIMITATION.*—*A project that has received*  
 11 *funds under the reclamation and reuse program con-*  
 12 *ducted under the Reclamation Projects Authorization*  
 13 *and Adjustment Act of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.)*  
 14 *shall not be eligible for grant assistance under this*  
 15 *section.*

16 “(2) *ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION.*—*In making*  
 17 *grants under this section, the Administrator shall*  
 18 *consider whether the project is located within the*  
 19 *boundaries of a State or area referred to in section*  
 20 *1 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat.*  
 21 *385), and within the geographic scope of the reclama-*  
 22 *tion and reuse program conducted under the Rec-*  
 23 *lamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act*  
 24 *of 1992 (43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.).*

25 “(d) *COMMITTEE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE.*—

1           “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—No appropriation shall be  
2       *made for any alternative water source project under*  
3       *this section, the total Federal cost of which exceeds*  
4       *\$3,000,000, if such project has not been approved by*  
5       *a resolution adopted by the Committee on Transpor-*  
6       *tation and Infrastructure of the House of Representa-*  
7       *tives or the Committee on Environment and Public*  
8       *Works of the Senate.*

9           “(2) *REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURING CONSIDER-*  
10       *ATION.*—*For purposes of securing consideration of ap-*  
11       *proval under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall*  
12       *provide to a committee referred to in paragraph (1)*  
13       *such information as the committee requests and the*  
14       *non-Federal sponsor shall provide to the committee*  
15       *information on the costs and relative needs for the al-*  
16       *ternative water source project.*

17       “(e) *USES OF GRANTS.*—*Amounts from grants received*  
18       *under this section may be used for engineering, design, con-*  
19       *struction, and final testing of alternative water source*  
20       *projects designed to meet critical water supply needs. Such*  
21       *amounts may not be used for planning, feasibility studies*  
22       *or for operation, maintenance, replacement, repair, or reha-*  
23       *bilitation.*

24       “(f) *COST SHARING.*—*The Federal share of the eligible*  
25       *costs of an alternative water source project carried out*

1 *using assistance made available under this section shall not*  
2 *exceed 50 percent.*

3 “(g) *REPORTS.*—

4 “(1) *REPORTS TO ADMINISTRATOR.*—*Each re-*  
5 *recipient of a grant under this section shall submit to*  
6 *the Administrator, not later than 18 months after the*  
7 *date of receipt of the grant and biennially thereafter*  
8 *until completion of the alternative water source*  
9 *project funded by the grant, a report on eligible ac-*  
10 *tivities carried out by the grant recipient using*  
11 *amounts from the grant.*

12 “(2) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—*On or before Sep-*  
13 *tember 30, 2005, the Administrator shall transmit to*  
14 *Congress a report on the progress made toward meet-*  
15 *ing the critical water supply needs of the grant re-*  
16 *cipients under this section.*

17 “(h) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section, the following defi-*  
18 *nitions apply:*

19 “(1) *ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE PROJECT.*—  
20 *The term ‘alternative water source project’ means a*  
21 *project designed to provide municipal, industrial, and*  
22 *agricultural water supplies in an environmentally*  
23 *sustainable manner by conserving, managing, re-*  
24 *claiming, or reusing water or wastewater or by treat-*  
25 *ing wastewater.*

1           “(2) *CRITICAL WATER SUPPLY NEEDS.*—*The*  
2           *term ‘critical water supply needs’ means existing or*  
3           *reasonably anticipated future water supply needs that*  
4           *cannot be met by existing water supplies, as identi-*  
5           *fied in a comprehensive statewide or regional water*  
6           *supply plan or assessment projected over a planning*  
7           *period of at least 20 years.*

8           “(i) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There is*  
9           *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*  
10          *\$75,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2004.*  
11          *Such sums shall remain available until expended.”.*



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