

AMENDMENTS ADOPTED TO THE
ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL
FOR FY 2015

Full Committee Markup
House Appropriations Committee
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FY15 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

Manager's Amendment

In the Bill:

On page 56, line 21, add the following before the “.”,
“until those Procedures are changed or waived by a
majority of the Commission, in accordance with
Commission practice”

On page 18, line 11, strike section 203.

In the Report:

On page 68, before the paragraph beginning with
“Hopper Dredges” insert the following: “Small, Remote,
or Subsistence Navigation.—Concerns persist that the
Administration’s criteria for navigation maintenance do
not allow small, remote, or subsistence harbors and
waterways to properly compete for scarce navigation
maintenance funds. The Committee directs the Corps to
provide an update to the Committee on its previous
request that the Corps review the criteria used for

determining which navigation projects are funded in order to develop a reasonable and equitable allocation for small, remote, or subsistence harbors and waterways under this account.”

On page 92, insert the following new paragraph in the proper place: “The Department has also recognized that beyond federal programs, there are successful initiatives being pursued by non-profit organizations that provide examples of best practices, including exposure to STEM education and career opportunities at all levels of education, financial assistance, one-on-one mentoring, and expanded participation in crucial research and development. The Committee encourages the Department to look for opportunities to leverage its investment with these non-profits.”

On page 100, insert the following paragraph in the proper place: “The Committee understands that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) is currently reviewing the process the Administration used to develop estimates to calculate the social cost of carbon. The Committee believes that the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs should not allow any regulations to be finalized using the Technical Support Document: Technical Update of the Social Cost of Carbon

for Regulatory Impact Analysis Under Executive Order 12866, Interagency Working Group on Social Cost of Carbon, United States Government, May 2013 until public comments on the document have been evaluated, the GAO report has been submitted and reviewed, and any necessary changes to the technical support document are incorporated.”

On page 100, after the first full paragraph, insert the following: “In June 2010, the Department of Energy amended the existing energy conservation standards for residential water heaters. The Committee is concerned that efficiency standards for large-capacity water heaters, scheduled to take effect in April 2015, would endanger the long-term sustainability of more than 250 voluntary demand response programs in 34 states. These programs reduce energy use during peak hours, improve the integration of renewable energy resources, and lower energy costs for consumers. The Committee is aware of bipartisan agreement in both chambers to create a new classification for certain grid-enabled residential water heaters that are intended for use as part of an electric thermal storage or demand response program and that would be exempt from this final rule. The Committee continues to track progress of this bipartisan legislation and directs the Department to work

with stakeholders to allow for the continued manufacture and use of grid-enabled water heaters.”

On page 121, insert the following sentence at the end of the first partial paragraph: “The Department is directed to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act a work plan that would advance second-generation dark matter direct detection experiments, stage four cosmic microwave background experiments, and the Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument.”

On page 190, strike “The bill modifies a provision regarding uranium transfer notifications.” and insert the following paragraph: “The bill modifies a provision regarding uranium transfer notifications. A new subparagraph (c) has been included to increase the accuracy of Secretarial determinations required by the USEC Privatization Act. In implementing this subparagraph (c), the Department shall seek to minimize impacts on uranium transfers already planned during the fiscal year in which the new determination is required and should continue uranium transfers until the new determination is completed. The Department shall explore the use of expedited determination procedures

and determinations completed on a timeframe to accommodate upcoming transfers.”

On page 194, under Reporting Requirements, insert the following before “Not later than March 1”: “As part of that process, the Committee directs the Commission to engage an outside entity with expertise on federal agency management to recommend ways the Commission can reduce its corporate support requirements and improve the efficiency of the Commission’s internal processes.”

On page 196, strike “The bill continues a provision requiring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fully comply with Congressional requests for information.” and insert “The bill modifies a provision requiring the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to fully comply with congressional requests for information to allow changes or modifications to procedures governing congressional requests. In allowing procedural changes with the support of the majority of the commissioners, the Committee continues to expect that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be responsive to congressional requests in a timely and transparent manner.”

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**AMENDMENT TO ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. DENT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

At the end of title III, insert the following:

- 1 SEC. _____. None of the funds made available by this
- 2 Act may be used by the Department of Energy to finalize,
- 3 implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled "Stand-
- 4 ards Ceiling Fans and Ceiling Fan Light Kits" and identi-
- 5 fied by regulation identification number 1904-AC87.

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**AMENDMENT TO ENERGY AND WATER
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OFFERED BY MR. FLEISCHMANN OF TENNESSEE**

On page 128 of the Committee Report, under the heading "Overpayments into the NNSA's Contractor Defined Benefit Pension Plans", strike "above requirements in fiscal year 2015." and insert "above requirements in fiscal year 2015 if those payments would result in a funded status in excess of 100 percent. This direction shall not be interpreted to permit the Department to transfer funds already contributed to a pension plan or reduce payments into any contractor employee pension plan below statutory or contractual requirements."

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**AMENDMENT TO THE ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF GEORGIA**

At the end of title I, insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. As of the date of enactment of this Act
2 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary of the Army
3 shall not promulgate or enforce any regulation that pro-
4 hibits an individual from possessing a firearm, including
5 an assembled or functional firearm, at a water resources
6 development project covered under section 327.0 of title
7 36, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date
8 of enactment of this Act), if—

9 (1) the individual is not otherwise prohibited by
10 law from possessing the firearm; and

11 (2) the possession of the firearm is in compli-
12 ance with the law of the State in which the water
13 resources development project is located.

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