

Purpose: To include a provision relating to water supply.

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To provide for improvements to the rivers and harbors of the United States, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to provide for water pollution control activities, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT INTENDED TO BE PROPOSED BY MR. CRAMER

Viz:

At the appropriate place in title I, insert the following:

SEC. _____. WATER SUPPLY RULE.

(a) Applicability of Certain Provisions of Law.—Beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, section 6 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”) (58 Stat. 890, chapter 665; 33 U.S.C. 708), shall not apply to a project in a State located wholly or partly west of the 98th meridian, except that nothing in this section affects or interferes with a contract authorized under that section 6 in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act.

(b) Easement for Access to Corps Reservoirs.—In accordance with the first section of the Act of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”) (58 Stat. 887, chapter 665; 33 U.S.C. 701–1), the Secretary shall allow access to project reservoirs located in States located wholly or partly west of the 98th meridian for purposes of appropriating water for beneficial uses pursuant to State law.

(c) Savings Provision.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in section 6 of the Act of December 22, 1944 (commonly known as the “Flood Control Act of 1944”) (58 Stat. 890, chapter 665; 33 U.S.C. 708), may be interpreted or applied to interfere with the laws of any State relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water, or any vested right acquired under a State law.

(2) INTERSTATE STREAMS.—Nothing in this section affects the right of the Federal Government, a State, or a landowner, appropriator, or user of water to use any interstate stream or the water of an interstate stream.