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H.R. 3792: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 3802: Ms. KILPATRICK and Mr. HINCHEY.

H.R. 3810: Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 3815: Mr. RANGEL, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

H.R. 3820: Mr. MARTINEZ.

H.R. 3821: Mr. CAMP, Mr. EWING, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, and Mr. SCARBOROUGH.

H.R. 3837: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 3844: Mr. UPTON.

H.R. 3855: Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. DUNN of Washington, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SKELTON, and Mr. LANTOS.

H.R. 3862: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BENTSEN, and Mr. BACHUS.

H.R. 3877: Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. OLVER, and Mr. MARKEY.

H.R. 3879: Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. FORBES, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. PEASE, Mr. RILEY, Mr. KLINK, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. ENSIGN.

H.R. 3898: Mr. SNOWBARGER.

H.R. 3904: Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. LIVINGSTON, and Mrs. NORTHP.

H.R. 3912: Ms. RIVERS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mrs. MYRICK.

H.R. 3948: Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut and Ms. CARSON.

H.R. 3949: Mr. MCCREERY, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. SAM JOHNSON, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. PEASE, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. METCALF, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CLEMENT, and Mr. PICKETT.

H.R. 3956: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 3980: Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. GIBBONS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. COOK, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, Mr. REDMOND, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. OLVER, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 3988: Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. WAXMAN, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 3991: Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 4006: Mr. CANNON, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. KIM, Mr. CRANE, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. BARCIA of Michigan, and Mr. CANADY of Florida.

H.R. 4007: Mr. FORBES, Mrs. CLAYTON, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. LEE, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. ENGEL, and Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 4009: Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. WEXLER, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 4018: Mr. MILLER of California.

H.R. 4019: Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. STUMP, Ms. RIVERS, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. DOOLITTLE.

H.R. 4035: Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. MORELLA,

Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. REDMOND, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

H.R. 4036: Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HALL of Ohio, Ms. DANNER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. NORWOOD, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H.R. 4039: Mr. NETHERCUTT.

H.R. 4049: Mr. GOODLATTE.

H.R. 4062: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.R. 4070: Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. GORDON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 4071: Mr. REDMOND, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. BLUNT.

H.R. 4073: Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. BROWN of California, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. TORRES.

H.R. 4092: Mr. LANTOS and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H.R. 4096: Mr. GOODLATTE and Mr. ROYCE.

H.R. 4121: Mrs. BONO, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 4125: Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LEACH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. COX of California, and Mr. SHUSTER.

H.R. 4134: Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 4136: Mr. HOSTETTLER and Mr. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 4157: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma.

H.R. 4164: Mr. ANDREWS.

H.R. 4188: Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. HALL of Ohio, and Mr. CRAPO.

H.J. Res. 47: Mr. LAFALCE.

H.J. Res. 66: Mr. MARTINEZ and Mr. DOOLEY of California.

H.J. Res. 123: Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. FAZIO of California, Mr. BONILLA, Ms. CARSON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ISTOOK, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.J. Res. 125: Mr. COX of California.

H. Con. Res. 188: Mr. SAXTON and Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

H. Con. Res. 203: Mr. TORRES, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. LEWIS of Georgia.

H. Con. Res. 210: Mr. Sandlin, Mr. HALL of Texas, and Mr. WISE.

H. Con. Res. 239: Ms. JACKSON-LEE, Mr. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO.

H. Con. Res. 254: Mr. DUNCAN.

H. Con. Res. 258: Mr. McNULTY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H. Con. Res. 287: Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H. Con. Res. 290: Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SOLOMON, and Mr. CRAMER.

H. Con. Res. 292: Mr. BERMAN.

H. Res. 313: Ms. CARSON, Mrs. CLAYTON, and Ms. KILPATRICK.

H. Res. 460: Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. DANNER, Mr. PACKARD,

Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SISISKY, Mr. BONIOR, and Mr. STUPAK.

H. Res. 475: Mr. MILLER of California, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Ms. RIVERS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. FURSE, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. QUINN, Mr. GOSS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. CARSON, Mr. GREEN, and Ms. JACKSON-LEE.

H. Res. 494: Mr. REYES, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOOLITTLE, and Mr. RUSH.

#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

66. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the Town Council of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, relative to the Town of Bourne determines that the U.S. Government has damaged the Town of Bourne because of: (a) the contamination of the Campbell School; (b) its unconscionable failure to pay the Town in excess of \$10,000,000.00 in reimbursement for the education of the children of the military personnel stationed at the Mass Military Reservation in Bourne who's education was paid by the Town of Bourne; and (c) by the contamination of the water serving our school on the Mass military Reservation; which was referred to the Committee on National Security.

#### AMENDMENTS

Under clause 6 of rule XXIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 3267

OFFERED BY: Mr. MILLER OF CALIFORNIA

(Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute)

AMENDMENT No. 1: Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Sonny Bono Memorial Salton Sea Restoration Act".

#### SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The Salton Sea, located in Imperial and Riverside Counties, California, is an economic and environmental resource of national importance.

(2) The Salton Sea is a critical component of the Pacific flyway. However, the concentration of pollutants in the Salton Sea has contributed to recent die-offs of migratory waterfowl.

(3) The Salton Sea is critical as a reservoir for irrigation, municipal, and stormwater drainage.

(4) The Salton Sea provides benefits to surrounding communities and nearby irrigation and municipal water users.

(5) Restoring the Salton Sea will provide national and international benefits.

#### SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) The term "Study" means the Salton Sea study authorized by section 4.

(2) The term "Salton Sea Authority" means the Joint Powers Authority by that name established under the laws of the State of California by a Joint Power Agreement signed on June 2, 1993.

(3) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation.

#### SEC. 4. SALTON SEA RESTORATION STUDY AUTHORIZATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in accordance with this section, shall undertake a study of the feasibility of various alternatives for restoring the Salton Sea, California. The purpose of the Study shall be to select 1 or more practicable and cost-effective

options for decreasing salinity and otherwise improving water quality and to develop a restoration plan that would implement the selected options. The Study shall be coordinated with preparation of an environmental impact statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 evaluating alternatives for restoration of the Salton Sea. The Study shall be conducted in accordance with the memorandum of understanding under subsection (g).

(b) **STUDY GOALS.**—The Study shall explore alternatives to achieve the following objectives:

(1) Reducing and stabilizing the overall salinity, and otherwise improving the water quality of the Salton Sea.

(2) Stabilizing the surface elevation of the Salton Sea.

(3) Reclaiming, in the long term, healthy fish and wildlife resources and their habitats.

(4) Enhancing the potential for recreational uses and economic development of the Salton Sea.

(5) Ensuring the continued use of the Salton Sea as a reservoir for irrigation drainage.

(c) **OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Options considered in the Study shall include each of the following and any appropriate combination thereof:

(A) Use of impoundments to segregate a portion of the waters of the Salton Sea in 1 or more evaporation ponds located in the Salton Sea basin.

(B) Pumping water out of the Salton Sea.

(C) Augmented flows of water into the Salton Sea.

(D) Improving the quality of wastewater discharges from Mexico and from other water users in the Salton Sea basin.

(E) Water transfers or exchanges in the Colorado River basin.

(F) Any other feasible restoration options.

(2) **LIMITATION TO PROVEN TECHNOLOGIES.**—Options considered in the Study shall be limited to proven technologies.

(d) **FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.**—

(1) **SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE FINDINGS AND REPORTS.**—In evaluating the feasibility of options considered in the Study, the Secretary shall carefully consider all available findings and reports of the Science Subcommittee established pursuant to section 5(c)(2) and incorporate such findings into the project design alternatives, to the extent feasible.

(2) **OTHER FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED.**—The Secretary shall also consider—

(A) the ability of Federal, tribal, State, and local government sources and private sources to fund capital construction costs and annual operation, maintenance, energy, and replacement costs;

(B) how and where to dispose permanently of water pumped out of the Salton Sea;

(C) the availability of necessary minimum inflows to the Salton Sea from current sources, including irrigation drainage water; and

(D) the potential impact of Salton Sea restoration efforts on the rights of other water users in the Colorado River Basin and on California's Colorado River water entitlement pursuant to the Colorado River Compact and other laws governing water use in the Colorado River Basin.

(e) **INTERIM REPORT.**—

(1) **SUBMISSION.**—Not later than 9 months after the Secretary first receives appropriations for programs and actions authorized by this title, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress an interim progress report on restoration of the Salton Sea. The report shall—

(A) identify alternatives being considered for restoration of the Salton Sea;

(B) describe the status of environmental compliance activities;

(C) describe the status of cost-sharing negotiations with State of California and local agencies;

(D) describe the status of negotiations with the Government of Mexico, if required; and

(E) report on the progress of New River and Alamo River research and demonstration authorized by this Act.

(2) **CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.**—Upon receipt of the interim report from the Secretary, the appropriate committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall promptly schedule and conduct oversight hearings to review implementation of the Salton Sea restoration plan included in the report under subsection (f), and to identify additional authorizations that may be required to effectuate plans and studies relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea.

(f) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 18 months after commencement of the Study, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report on the findings and recommendations of the Study. The report shall include the following:

(1) A summary of options considered for restoring the Salton Sea.

(2) A recommendation of a preferred option for restoring the Salton Sea.

(3) A plan to implement the preferred option selected under paragraph (2).

(4) A recommendation for cost-sharing to implement the plan developed under paragraph (3). The cost-sharing recommendation may apply a different cost-sharing formula to capital construction costs than is applied to annual operation, maintenance, energy, and replacement costs.

(5) A draft of recommended legislation to authorize construction of the preferred option selected under paragraph (2).

(g) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall carry out the Study in accordance with a memorandum of understanding entered into by the Secretary, the Salton Sea Authority, and the Governor of California.

(2) **OPTION EVALUATION CRITERIA.**—The memorandum of understanding shall, at a minimum, establish criteria for evaluation and selection of options under subsection (a), including criteria for determining the magnitude and practicability of costs of construction, operation, and maintenance of each option evaluated.

(h) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.**—

(1) **RECLAMATION LAWS.**—Activities authorized by this section shall not be subject to the Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388; 43 U.S.C. 391 et seq.) and other laws amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto. Amounts expended for those activities shall be considered nonreimbursable and nonreturnable for purposes of those laws.

(2) **LAW OF THE COLORADO RIVER.**—This section shall not be considered to supersede or otherwise affect any treaty, law, or agreement governing use of water from the Colorado River. All activities to carry out the Study under this section must be carried out in a manner consistent with rights and obligation of persons under those treaties, laws, and agreements.

(i) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$30,000,000 to carry out the activities authorized in this section.

#### **SEC. 5. CONCURRENT WILDLIFE RESOURCES STUDIES.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Concurrently with the Study under section 4, the Secretary shall provide for the conduct of studies of hydrology, wildlife pathology, and toxicology relating to wildlife resources of the Salton Sea by Federal and non-Federal entities.

(b) **SELECTION OF TOPICS AND MANAGEMENT OF STUDIES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall establish a committee to be known as the Salton Sea Research Management Committee. The Committee shall select the topics of studies under this section and manage those studies.

(2) **MEMBERSHIP.**—The Committee shall consist of 5 members appointed as follows:

(A) 1 by the Secretary.

(B) 1 by the Governor of California.

(C) 1 by the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribal Government.

(D) 1 by the Salton Sea Authority.

(E) 1 by the Director of the California Water Resources Center.

(c) **COORDINATION.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall require that studies conducted under this section are conducted in coordination with appropriate international bodies, Federal agencies, and California State agencies, including, but not limited to, the International Boundary and Water Commission, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Water Resources, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Regional Water Quality Board, and California State Parks.

(2) **SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE.**—The Secretary shall require that studies conducted under this section are coordinated through a Science Subcommittee that reports to the Salton Sea Research Management Committee. In addition to the membership provided for by the Science Subcommittee's charter, representatives shall be invited from the University of California, Riverside, the University of Redlands, San Diego State University, the Imperial Valley College, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

(d) **PEER REVIEW.**—The Secretary shall require that studies under this section are subjected to peer review.

(e) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For wildlife resources studies under this section there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$5,000,000.

#### **SEC. 6. SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE RENAMED AS SONNY BONO SALTON SEA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.**

(a) **REFUGE RENAMED.**—The Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, located in Imperial County, California, is hereby renamed and shall be known as the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

(b) **REFERENCES.**—Any reference in any statute, rule, regulation, Executive order, publication, map, or paper or other document of the United States to the Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge is deemed to refer to the Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge.

#### **SEC. 7. ALAMO RIVER AND NEW RIVER.**

(a) **RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**—The Secretary shall promptly conduct research and construct wetlands filtration or construct wetlands demonstration projects to improve water quality in the Alamo River and New River, Imperial County, California. The Secretary may acquire equipment, real property, and interests in real property (including site access) as needed to implement actions authorized by this section.

(b) **MONITORING AND OTHER ACTIONS.**—The Secretary shall establish a long-term monitoring program to maximize the effectiveness of any demonstration project authorized by this section.

(c) **COOPERATION.**—The Secretary shall implement subsections (a) and (b) in cooperation with the Desert Wildlife Unlimited, the Imperial Irrigation District, the State of California, and other interested persons.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For research and demonstration projects authorized in this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$3,000,000.

**SEC. 8. EMERGENCY ACTION.**

If, during the conduct of the studies authorized by this Act, the Secretary determines that environmental conditions at the Salton Sea warrant immediate and emergency action, the Secretary shall immediately submit a report to Congress documenting such conditions and making recommendations for their correction.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MRS. NORTHUP

AMENDMENT NO. 12: Strike subsection (c) of section 407 of title 39, United States Code, as proposed to be amended by section 646 (a) (relating to international postal arrangements), and insert the following:

“(c) The Postal Service may—

“(1) enter into such commercial and operational contracts relating to international postal services as it considers necessary, except that the Postal Service may not enter into any contract with an agency of a foreign government (whether under authority of this paragraph or otherwise) if it would grant an undue or unreasonable preference to the Postal Service with respect to any class of mail or type of mail service; and

“(2) with the consent of the President, establish the rates of postage or other charges on mail matter conveyed between the United States and other countries.”.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 13: Page 58, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “(reduced by \$2,000,000) (increased by \$2,000,000)”.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 14: Page 58, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “, of which \$2,000,000 shall be for the management of veterans records”.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 15: Page 58, line 1, after the dollar amount, insert the following: “, of which \$6,000,000 shall be for the management of veterans records”.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 16: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. 648. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to make any loan or credit in excess of \$250,000,000 to a foreign entity or government of a foreign country through the exchange stabilization fund under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code.

H.R. 4104

OFFERED BY: MR. SANDERS

AMENDMENT NO. 17: At the end of the bill, insert after the last section (preceding the short title) the following new section:

SEC. 648. None of the funds made available in this Act may be used to make any loan or credit to a foreign entity or government of a foreign country through the exchange stabilization fund under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code.

H.R. 4193

OFFERED BY: MR. GUTIERREZ

AMENDMENT NO. 1: At the end of the bill before the short title insert the following:

SEC. 336. The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, and the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Chief of the Forest Service, shall coordinate their endeavors to improve energy efficiency, reduce air pollution and decrease excessive summer heat using innovative forestry and energy conservation techniques in urban communities by—

(1) developing a comprehensive action plan that will detail how the programs under their administration can be integrated in urban communities to achieve common goals;

(2) actively pursuing opportunities to coordinate program functions in urban communities;

(3) targeting specific urban communities where energy efficiency and forestry programs can be integrated effectively; and

(4) working with State and local governmental entities, private sector partners, and not-for-profit organizations.

The Secretaries shall jointly submit reports to Congress biannually describing the progress made to achieve the goals of this section.

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. BEREUTER

AMENDMENT NO. 1: Page 91, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 425. The aggregate amount otherwise appropriated in this Act for the functions of the Office of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency is hereby reduced by \$15,000,000.

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. BEREUTER

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 91, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 425. (a) TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON IMPLEMENTATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR COPPER ACTION LEVEL.—None of the funds made available by this or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to implement or enforce the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.), to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level, until—

(1) the Administrator and the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention jointly conduct a study to establish a reliable dose-response relationship for the adverse human health effects that may result from exposure to copper in drinking water, that—

(A) includes an analysis of the health effects that may be experienced by groups within the general population (including infants) that are potentially at greater risk of adverse health effects as the result of the exposure;

(B) is conducted in consultation with interested States;

(C) is based on the best available science and supporting studies that are subject to peer review and conducted in accordance with sound and objective scientific practices; and

(D) is completed not later than 30 months after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) based on the results of the study and, once peer reviewed and published, the 2 studies of copper in drinking water conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the State of Nebraska and the State of Delaware, the Administrator establishes an action level for the presence of copper in drinking water that protects the public health against reasonably expected adverse effects due to exposure to copper in drinking water.

(b) CURRENT REQUIREMENTS.—Nothing in this section precludes a State from implementing or enforcing the national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper in drinking water promulgated under the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) that are in effect on the date of enactment of this Act, to the extent that the regulations pertain to the public water system treatment requirements related to the copper action level.

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. BEREUTER

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 91, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 425. No part of any funds made available by this Act may be used to pay salaries and expenses of any officer or employee of the Environmental Protection Agency to promulgate or implement any rule under the Safe Drinking Water Act requiring public water systems to use disinfection for those public water systems which rely on ground water. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be construed to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency, or any officer or employee of the Agency, from conducting studies and investigations regarding the use of disinfection in public water systems relying on ground water or regarding any alternatives to the use of disinfection in such systems for purposes of meeting national primary drinking water regulations.

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. GUTIERREZ

AMENDMENT NO. 4: At the end of title I (page 17, after line 12), insert the following:

SEC. 110. (a) EXTENSION OF VETERANS SEXUAL TRAUMA COUNSELING AND TREATMENT PROGRAM.—Section 1720D of title 38, United States Code, is amended in subsections (a)(1) and (a)(3) by striking out “December 31, 1998,” and inserting in lieu thereof “December 31, 2002.”.

(b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR SEXUAL TRAUMA COUNSELING AND TREATMENT.—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e)(1) A veteran shall be eligible for counseling and treatment under this section without regard to the provisions of section 5303A of this title.

“(2) An individual who is a member of a reserve component shall be eligible for counseling and treatment under this section in the same manner as a veteran and without regard to the provisions of section 5303A of this title.

“(3) An individual who is a former member of a reserve component (but who is not a veteran within the meaning of section 101 of this title) and who was discharged or released from service as a member of a reserve component under conditions other than dishonorable shall be eligible for counseling and treatment under this section in the same

manner as a veteran and without regard to the provisions of section 5303A of this title.

"(4) The Secretary shall ensure that information about the counseling and treatment available to individuals under this subsection—

"(A) is made available and visibly posted at each facility of the Department; and

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. ROEMER

AMENDMENT No. 5: Page 72, line 15, strike "\$5,309,000,000" and insert "\$3,709,000,000".

H.R. 4194

OFFERED BY: MR. SANFORD

AMENDMENT No. 6: page 76, line 24 strike "2,745,000,000" and insert "2,545,700,000."

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OFFERED BY: MR. TIAHRT

AMENDMENT No. 7: Page 8, line 15, before the period at the end, insert the following:

: *Provided*, That, of the funds made available under this heading, \$12,500,000 shall be for medical research relating to the Gulf War illnesses afflicting veterans of the Persian Gulf War

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OFFERED BY: MR. TIAHRT

AMENDMENT No. 8: Page 8, line 15, before the period at the end, insert the following:  
: *Provided*, That, of the funds made available under this heading, \$25,000,000 shall be for

medical research relating to the Gulf War illnesses afflicting veterans of the Persian Gulf War

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OFFERED BY: MR. VENTO

AMENDMENT No. 9: Page 52, after line 2, insert the following new section:

LOW-INCOME HOUSING PRESERVATION AND RESIDENT HOMEOWNERSHIP

SEC. 210. (a) NOTICE OF PREPAYMENT OR TERMINATION.—Notwithstanding section 212(b) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4102(b)) or any other provision of law, during fiscal year 1999 and each fiscal year thereafter, an owner of eligible low-income housing (as defined in section 229 of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4119)) that intends to take any action described in section 212(a) of such Act (12 U.S.C. 4102(a)) shall, not less than 1 year before the date on which the action is taken—

(1) file a notice indicating that intent with the chief executive officer of the appropriate State or local government for the jurisdiction within which the housing is located; and  
(2) provide each tenant of the housing with a copy of that notice.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The requirements of this section do not apply—

(1) in any case in which the prepayment or termination at issue is necessary to effect conversion to ownership by a priority purchaser (as defined in section 231(a) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4120(a)); or

(2) in the case of any owner who has provided notice of an intended prepayment or termination on or before July 7, 1998, in accordance with the requirements of section 212(b) of the Low-Income Housing Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990 (12 U.S.C. 4102(b)).

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OFFERED BY: MR. VENTO

AMENDMENT No. 10: Page 70, line 19, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$30,000,000)".

Page 72, line 15, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(reduced by \$43,500,000)".

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OFFERED BY: MR. VENTO

AMENDMENT No. 11: Page 70, line 19, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(increased by \$30,000,000)".

Page 76, line 24, after the dollar amount insert the following: "(reduced by \$107,400,000)".