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Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2002

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: SD • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Nov 27, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2002 - Deauthorizes the Blunt Reservoir feature of the Oahe Irrigation Project authorized as part of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Program.

Allows preferential leaseholders (original landowners or descendants, or operators of the land at the time of purchase) of parcels of the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal an option to purchase from the Commission of Schools and Public Lands of South Dakota the land they lease. Sets terms for such purchases. Directs the Secretary of the Interior to convey all preferential lease parcels not purchased by the leaseholder to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, to be used for mitigating the wildlife habitat that was lost as a result of the development of the Pick-Sloan project.

Directs the Secretary to convey to the Department the nonpreferential leased parcels and unleased parcels of the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal, to be used for mitigating the wildlife habitat that was lost as a result of the development of the Pick-Sloan project.

Requires the State of South Dakota to accept certain conditions of conveyance, including that: (1) it receives the land conveyed in "as is" condition; (2) it assumes responsibility for any liabilities accruing after the date of conveyance as a result of ownership, operation or maintenance of such land; (3) the Federal Government retains all oil, gas, and mineral rights; (4) the property continue to be used for wildlife conservation; and (5) title shall revert to the United States if the land is needed for national defense purposes.

Authorizes the Commission, with the Department's concurrence, to allow a person to exchange other land in South Dakota for a nonpreferential lease parcel or unleased parcel at Blunt Reservoir or Pierre Canal.

Permits the United States a perpetual easement for a water conveyance structure over, under, across, or through the Pierre Canal Feature.

Directs the Secretary to provide the State of South Dakota a full legal description of all preferential lease parcels and nonpreferential lease parcels that may be conveyed under this Act. Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 9, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Bingaman with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 107-253.
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- **Jul 31, 2002:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Nov 27, 2001:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 107-373.
- **Jun 13, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 13, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6219-6220)
- **Jun 13, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6220-6221)