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Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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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	Reported By	Mar 5, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced in the House on February 14, 2003. However, because action occurred on the measure, the summary has been expanded.)

Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal Land Conveyance Act of 2003 - (Sec. 2) 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

- **Apr 10, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 7, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S4879, S4880-4881; text as passed Senate: CR S4880-4881)
- **Apr 3, 2003:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S4879, S4880-4881; text as passed Senate: CR S4880-4881)
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 108-16.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 108-16.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 28.
- **Feb 26, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **Feb 14, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 14, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S2545-2546)
- **Feb 14, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2546-2547)