

HR 4794

To amend the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations, and for other purposes.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

Introduced: Jul 9, 2004

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Law: 108-425 (Enacted Nov 30, 2004)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]

Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-50]	R · CA		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 9, 2004
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Jul 9, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 9, 2004
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 15, 2004

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the House on October 7, 2004. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Amends the Tijuana River Valley Estuary and Beach Sewage Cleanup Act of 2000 to request the U.S. section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, to give the highest priority to the implementation of Treaty Minute 311 to the Treaty for the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, which establishes a framework for the siting of a treatment facility in Mexico to provide for the secondary treatment of effluent from the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Modifies contractual provisions under the Act to: (1) repeal a requirement for annual payment to maintain the owner's 20 percent equity position throughout the term of the contract; and (2) authorize the payment of fees by the Commission to the owner of the Mexican facility to include costs associated with the purchase of any insurance or other financial instrument, which may be amortized over the term of the contract; and (3) provide that neither the Commission nor the U.S. Government shall be liable for payment of any cancellation fees if the Commission cancels the contract.

Authorizes the owner of the facility to purchase insurance or another financial instrument to cover the risk of cancellation of the contract by the Commission. Prohibits such insurance or other financial instrument from being provided or guaranteed by the U.S. Government. Allows the Government to reserve the right to validate independently the reasonableness of the premium when negotiating the annual service fee with the owner.

Extends authority for the sewage treatment program indefinitely and increases the amount authorized.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 30, 2004:** Signed by President.
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- **Nov 30, 2004:** Became Public Law No: 108-425.
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- **Nov 19, 2004:** Presented to President.
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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S11390)
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- **Nov 16, 2004:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Mr. LaTourette moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8338-8340)
- **Oct 7, 2004:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 4794.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8338)
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- **Oct 7, 2004:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Oct 7, 2004:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Oct 1, 2004:** House Committee on International Relations Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Nov. 19, 2004.
- **Sep 15, 2004:** Reported by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 108-688, Part I.
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- **Sep 15, 2004:** House Committee on International Relations Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Oct. 1, 2004.
- **Jul 21, 2004:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 21, 2004:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 15, 2004:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 15, 2004:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 12, 2004:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 9, 2004:** Introduced in House
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