

## S 520

### Fremont-Madison Conveyance Act

**Congress:** 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Mar 5, 2003

**Current Status:** Became Public Law No: 108-85.

**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 108-85. (Sep 30, 2003)

**Law:** 108-85 (Enacted Sep 30, 2003)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/senate-bill/520>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ID • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Craig, Larry E. [R-ID]	R · ID		Mar 5, 2003

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	May 13, 2003
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 20, 2003

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 HR 1106	Identical bill	<b>Mar 17, 2003:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

**(This measure has not been amended since it was passed by the Senate on June 16, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Fremont-Madison Conveyance Act - (Sec. 3) Directs the Secretary of the Interior to: (1) convey to the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District in Idaho, pursuant to a specified Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the District and the Secretary, the canals, lateral, drains, and other components of the water distribution and drainage system operated or maintained by the District; and (2) condition such conveyance on the District paying the administrative costs of the conveyance and related activities and the lesser of the net present value of the remaining obligations owed to the United States for the facilities conveyed or \$280,000. Provides for amounts received to be deposited into the reclamation fund. Requires a report to Congress if the Secretary has not completed any conveyance required by this Act by September 13, 2004.

(Sec. 5) Requires the Secretary, in conveying the Teton Exchange Wells, to also convey the Idaho Department of Water Resources permit number 22-7022 to the District, including drilled wells under such permit and all appurtenant equipment.

Extends a specified water service contract between the Secretary and the District until all conditions described in this Act are fulfilled.

(Sec. 6) Requires the Secretary, prior to conveyance, to complete all environmental reviews and analyses as set forth in the MOA.

(Sec. 7) Exempts the United States from liability for damages arising out of any act, omission, or occurrence relating to the conveyed facilities, except for damages caused by acts of negligence committed by the United States prior to conveyance.

(Sec. 8) Increases the acreage within the District eligible to receive water from the Minidoka and Teton Basin Projects to reflect the number of acres within the District. States that such increase does not alter authorized water deliveries.

(Sec. 9) Requires the Secretary: (1) in collaboration with stakeholders in the Henry's Fork watershed, to initiate a drought management planning process to address all water uses in the watershed; and (2) report a final plan to Congress.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Sep 30, 2003:** Signed by President.
- **Sep 30, 2003:** Became Public Law No: 108-85.
- **Sep 18, 2003:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 16, 2003:** Mr. Calvert moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 16, 2003:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8229)
- **Sep 16, 2003:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 520.
- **Sep 16, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H8229)
- **Sep 16, 2003:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H8229)
- **Sep 16, 2003:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Jun 20, 2003:** Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Received in the House.
- **Jun 17, 2003:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.
- **Jun 16, 2003:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S7939)
- **Jun 16, 2003:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.(text: CR S7939)
- **Jun 16, 2003:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. (text: CR S7939)
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Reported by Senator Domenici without amendment. With written report No. 108-62.
- **Jun 9, 2003:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 126.
- **May 21, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 13, 2003:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 108-64.
- **Mar 17, 2003:** Star Print ordered on on the bill.
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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