

## S 3563

St. Mary Diversion and Conveyance Works and Milk River Project Act of 2006

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Jun 23, 2006

**Current Status:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held in Havre, MT. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg.

**Latest Action:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held in Havre, MT. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-764. (Sep 1, 2006)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/109th-congress/senate-bill/3563>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Burns, Conrad R. [R-MT]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Baucus, Max [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 23, 2006

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Sep 1, 2006

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5705	Identical bill	<b>Jul 7, 2006:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

St. Mary Diversion and Conveyance Works and Milk River Project Act of 2006 - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies to determine: (1) the feasibility of rehabilitating and improving the St. Mary Diversion and Conveyance Works (a portion of the Milk River Project, a Bureau of Reclamation project in Montana, that is located within the Blackfeet Reservation) to provide for sustained environmental and economic benefit within the St. Mary and Milk River basins; and (2) the environmental impact of such rehabilitation project.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) initiate the planning, design, and construction of the project alternative that is selected; and (2) develop and implement an emergency response plan to be followed in the event of a catastrophic infrastructure failure. Establishes in the Treasury an emergency response plan fund.

Requires: (1) the Milk River Project to be operated primarily for irrigation purposes; and (2) the Secretary to prioritize Project structures in need of rehabilitation and improvement.

Directs the Secretary to: (1) ensure that land and water rights held in trust for the benefit of the Blackfeet Tribe are protected; (2) resolve tribal claims against the United States; (3) identify appropriate Blackfeet projects to improve economic conditions on the Reservation; (4) complete studies to determine the feasibility of carrying out such projects; and (5) conduct studies to determine the feasibility of rehabilitating and improving Blackfeet irrigation project structures determined to be in need based on the appraisal investigation and of developing a safe and adequate rural, municipal, and industrial water supply project for the residents of the Fort Belknap Reservation and surrounding communities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Sep 1, 2006:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Hearings held in Havre, MT. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 109-764.
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6458-6459)
- **Jun 23, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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