

HR 487

To impose limitations on the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to claim title or other rights to water absent specific direction of law or to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water.

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Policy Area: Water Resources Development

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 9, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 1, 2005)

Prohibits the Secretary of the Interior from claiming title or other rights to water in a State, other than for Indian reservation lands, absent specific direction of law, or from exercising authority so as to abrogate, injure, or otherwise impair any right to the use of any quantity of water: (1) that has been allocated in accordance with provisions of the Department of Justice Appropriations Act relating to suits for the adjudication of water rights by or pursuant to interstate compact and by a decision of the United States Supreme Court; (2) by requiring a change in the nature of use or the transfer of any right to use water or creating a limitation on the exercise of any right to use water; or (3) by modifying the delivery, diversion, nondiversion, allocation, or storage of any water to be delivered by contract.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 9, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Feb 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 1, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Resources.