

HR 3281

Reclamation Title Transfer and Non-Federal Infrastructure Incentivization Act

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Sponsor

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

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	Referred To	Jul 16, 2018
Natural Resources Committee	House	Reported By	Sep 27, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HRES 985	Procedurally related	Jul 11, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 3) This bill authorizes the Department of the Interior to convey U.S. interest in an eligible reclamation project or facility to an agency of a state political subdivision, a joint action or powers agency, a water users association, or an Indian tribe or tribal utility authority that holds a water service contract for such property and that has the capacity to continue to manage the property for the same purposes for which it has been managed under reclamation law, if: (1) Interior notifies Congress in writing of the proposed conveyance at least 90 days in advance, and (2) Congress does not pass a joint resolution disapproving the conveyance. A facility that generates hydropower marketed by a power marketing administration shall not be eligible for such conveyance.

An entity that operates and maintains an eligible facility at the time Interior attempts to facilitate its conveyance shall have the right of first refusal to receive the conveyance.

(Sec. 4) Criteria for determining whether facilities are eligible for title transfer shall include: (1) the transfer will not have an unmitigated significant effect on the environment, (2) the qualifying entity intends to use the property for substantially the same purposes the property is being used for at the time Interior evaluates the potential transfer, and (3) the qualifying entity agrees to provide the United States the equivalent of the present value of any repayment obligation or other income stream the United States derives from the assets to be transferred.

(Sec. 5) No conveyance under this bill may adversely impact power rates or repayment obligations.

(Sec. 9) Interior shall submit, as part of its annual budget submission to Congress: (1) a description of the actions taken to implement this bill, and (2) a list of conveyances made or initiated by Interior or a qualifying entity under this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 16, 2018:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 985. (consideration: CR H6154-6160)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 50 and H.R. 3281. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 50 under a structured rule and H.R.3281 under a closed rule. Each measure is allowed one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with one hour of debate on H.R. 3281.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Mr. Huffman moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on Natural Resources. (text: CR H6160)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Huffman motion to recommit with instructions. The instructions contained in the motion seek to require the bill to be reported back to the House with an amendment to add a section at the end of the bill entitled "Prohibition Against Conflict of Interest".
- **Jul 12, 2018:** The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Huffman motion to recommit with instructions, the Chair put the question on the motion to recommit, and by voice vote announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Huffman demanded the yeas and nays, and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the motion to recommit until later in the legislative day.
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H6161-6162)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** On motion to recommit with instructions Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 187 - 230 (Roll no. 324).
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by recorded vote: 233 - 184 (Roll no. 325). (text: CR H6155-6156)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** On passage Passed by recorded vote: 233 - 184 (Roll no. 325). (text: CR H6155-6156)
- **Jul 12, 2018:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 11, 2018:** Rule H. Res. 985 passed House.
- **Jul 10, 2018:** Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 985 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 50 and H.R. 3281. Rule provides for consideration of H.R. 50 under a structured rule and H.R.3281 under a closed rule. Each measure is allowed one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 115-334.
- **Sep 27, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 242.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 26, 2017:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 17 - 12.
- **Jul 18, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 18, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.