

HR 8413

Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Water Resources Development

Introduced: May 15, 2024

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Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-185. (Dec 23, 2024)

Law: 118-185 (Enacted Dec 23, 2024)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8413>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 15, 2024
Rep. Flood, Mike [R-NE-1]	R · NE		May 15, 2024
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 15, 2024
Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	D · KS		Jun 18, 2024
Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	R · CO		Sep 17, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Sep 10, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act

This act provides for the conveyance of certain federal lands located at the Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in Nebraska to Hitchcock County and Frontier County, respectively. The counties must manage the land for substantially the same purposes for which they are being used or for (1) certain public recreation purposes, (2) public access, (3) fish and wildlife habitat, or (4) the preservation of the natural character of the land.

Within three years, the Bureau of Reclamation must enter into negotiations to transfer (1) the Swanson Permitted Cabin Land, the Swanson Permitted Concession Land, and the Lakeview Lodge Permitted Concession Land to Hitchcock County; and (2) the Red Willow Permitted Cabin Land and the Red Willow Permitted Concession Land to Frontier County. Reclamation must offer to convey the land as soon as practicable after the title transfer agreement is made. The land must be conveyed in whole and not subdivided. Additionally, the act subjects the conveyances to certain existing rights and requirements. Further, the act limits future conveyances of the land.

Reclamation must enter into a memorandum of agreement with each county to establish and define the roles and responsibilities for actions required to convey the land.

The counties must provide compensation to the Reclamation Fund in an amount equal to the fair market value of the land. The counties must also pay the conveyance costs in advance of the conveyance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 23, 2024:** Presented to President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Signed by President.
- **Dec 23, 2024:** Became Public Law No: 118-185.
- **Dec 17, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Dec 16, 2024:** Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S7053-7054)
- **Dec 9, 2024:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Mr. Westerman moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H6392-6395)
- **Dec 5, 2024:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 8413.
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6392-6394)
- **Dec 5, 2024:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H6392-6394)
- **Dec 5, 2024:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 118-735.
- **Nov 14, 2024:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 620.
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries Discharged
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held
- **Sep 19, 2024:** Ordered to be Reported by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 10, 2024:** Subcommittee Hearings Held
- **Sep 9, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries.
- **May 15, 2024:** Introduced in House
- **May 15, 2024:** Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.