

# Union Calendar No. 338

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2515

[Report No. 110-555]

To authorize appropriations for the Bureau of Reclamation to carry out the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. HELLER of Nevada (for himself, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. PORTER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. RENZI, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, and Mr. RADANOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

MARCH 31, 2008

Additional sponsor: Mr. SHADEGG

MARCH 31, 2008

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 24, 2007]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Lower Colorado River*  
5 *Multi-Species Conservation Program Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 *In this Act:*

8 (1) *LOWER COLORADO RIVER MULTI-SPECIES*  
9 *CONSERVATION PROGRAM.—The term “Lower Colo-*  
10 *rado River Multi-Species Conservation Program” or*  
11 *“LCR MSCP” means the cooperative effort on the*  
12 *Lower Colorado River between Federal and non-Fed-*  
13 *eral entities in Arizona, California, and Nevada ap-*  
14 *proved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 2,*  
15 *2005.*

16 (2) *LOWER COLORADO RIVER.—The term “Lower*  
17 *Colorado River” means the Colorado River from Lake*  
18 *Mead to the Southerly International Boundary with*  
19 *Mexico, including its historic floodplain and its*  
20 *mainstem reservoirs to their full pool elevations.*

21 (3) *SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means*  
22 *the Secretary of the Interior.*

23 (4) *STATES.—The term “States” means each of*  
24 *the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada.*

1 **SEC. 3. IMPLEMENTATION AND WATER ACCOUNTING.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary is authorized to par-*  
3 *ticipate in the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Con-*  
4 *servation Program.*

5 (b) *WATER ACCOUNTING.*—*The Secretary is authorized*  
6 *to enter into an agreement with the States providing for*  
7 *the use of water from the Lower Colorado River for habitat*  
8 *creation and maintenance.*

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*There is authorized to be appro-*  
11 *priated to the Secretary such sums as may be necessary to*  
12 *participate in the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Con-*  
13 *servation Program, to remain available until expended.*

14 (b) *NONREIMBURSABLE AND NONRETURNABLE.*—*All*  
15 *amounts appropriated to and expended by the Secretary for*  
16 *the LCR MSCP shall be nonreimbursable and nonreturn-*  
17 *able.*

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