



March 19, 2007

H.R. 839 – Arthur V. Watkins Dam Enlargement Act

Floor Situation

H.R. 839 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Rob Bishop (R-UT) on February 6, 2007, and has not been considered by any committee in the 110th Congress.

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Summary

H.R. 839 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study to consider raising the height of the Arthur V. Watkins dam for the purpose of adding additional water storage capacity to the dam.

The Federal government can only pay for 50 percent of the project and the bill authorizes \$1 million for that purpose. The local share of the project can include in-kind contributions of goods and services from the Weber Mason Water Conservation District.

Background

Identical legislation from the 109th Congress, H.R. 3626, passed the House by voice vote on September 27, 2006 but was not considered by the Senate.

CBO Estimate

While CBO has not scored H.R. 839, legislation from the 109th Congress (H.R. 3626) was scored by CBO to cost \$1 million subject to appropriation.

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