February 6, 2007

H.R. 482 - American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2007

Floor Situation

H.R. 482 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 John Doolittle (R-CA) on January 16, 2007. This bill has not been considered by any committee in the 110th Congress.

H.R. 482 is expected to be considered on February 6, 2007.

*Note: In the 109th Congress an identical bill, the American River Pump Station Project Transfer Act of 2005 (H.R. 4204), passed in the House of Representatives on a voice vote on May 9, 2006, and was never considered on the Senate floor.

Summary

H.R. 482 instructs the Secretary of the Interior to transfer ownership of a federally owned water pumping station in Auburn, CA to the Placer County Water Agency.

Background

The Placer County Water Agency built the water pumping station in question in 1967 and the pumping station was purchased by the Federal government in 1972 as part of a project to build a nearby dam. The pumping station was then removed in preparation of dam construction. The dam has never been built and the Federal government is now building a new pumping station and will transfer ownership back to the Placer County Water Agency once construction is complete. H.R. 482 directs the Federal government to transfer ownership of the pumping station to the Placer County Water Agency as soon as the pump station construction is complete.

Cost

H.R. 482 has not been scored by the Congressional Budget Office.

*Note: In the 109th Congress an identical bill, H.R. 4204, was estimated by CBO to have no significant impact on the federal budget and to save the Federal Bureau of Reclamation \$220,000 to \$450,000 annually in operating and maintenance costs on April 19, 2006.

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