

**MANAGER'S PACKAGE**  
ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND  
RELATED AGENCIES, 2018

**BILL AMENDMENTS**

Amendment by Senator Durbin and Senator Baldwin  
Strike Section 108 and insert in lieu thereof—

“Sec. 108. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, shall publish in the Federal Register and make available for public comment the interim report relating to the Tentatively Selected Plan for the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study Brandon Road Study.”

Amendment by Senator Murkowski  
Insert after Section 109 the following—

“Sec. 110. Section 2008 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (33 U.S.C. 2340) is amended by striking subsection (c).”

Amendment by Senator Murkowski  
On page 56, line 13 strike “for” through “communities” on line 18.

## REPORT AMENDMENTS

### Amendment by Senator Rubio

On page 16 of the report after “Corps to conduct” insert—

“, at full Federal expense, ”

### Amendment by Senator Cochran

On page 22 of the report before “section 5113” insert—

“section 592 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 and ”

### Amendment by Senator Van Hollen

On page 23 of the report before “*Prioritization*” insert—

“*Oyster Restoration*.—The Committee supports the Chesapeake Bay Oyster Restoration Project and encourages the Corps to provide sufficient funding in future budget submissions or the fiscal year 2018 work plan.”

### Amendment by Senator Shaheen

On page 45 of the report at the end, insert—

“*Medium Size Ports*.—The Committee emphasizes the importance of ensuring the continued development and maintenance of our country’s medium size ports. The Committee urges the Corps to consider projects proposed at medium size ports relative to the needs and potential impact of their surrounding communities in the fiscal year 2018 Work Plan.”

### Amendment by Senator Tester and Senator Daines

On page 47 of the report, before “*Water Operations Technical Support*”, insert—

“*Lower Yellowstone Intake Project*.—The Committee is concerned regarding continued delays in resolving issues surrounding the Lower Yellowstone Intake Project. The Committee strongly encourages the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation to assure the community and stakeholders of the agencies’ continued support for resolving issues impacting local agriculture producers and fisheries. Further, the Committee directs the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation to refrain from reallocating funding from the proposed fish passage project until judicial challenges to the project are resolved.”

### Amendment by Senator Daines and Senator Tester

On page 58 of the report at the beginning, insert—

“*Indian Water Settlements*.—The Committee notes that funding is recommended for Indian water rights settlements, which meet trust and treaty obligations to tribes and resolve significant tribal water-related claims against the federal government. In December 2016, Congress authorized a number of important Indian water settlements as part of the WIIN Act, including the Blackfeet Water Rights Settlement Act. To meet the Blackfeet settlement’s enforcement date of

January 21, 2025, significant additional funding will be required after fiscal year 2018. The Committee therefore encourages Reclamation to budget accordingly for Indian water rights settlements in its budget request for fiscal year 2019.”

Amendment by Senator Coons

On page 65 of the report before “COMMONLY RECYCLED PAPER” insert—

“*Regional Initiatives.*—The Committee urges the Department to utilize investments through existing regional capabilities that include industry, universities, and State and regional economic development assets. The Committee further encourages the national laboratories to expand their geographic outreach through people and access to specialized equipment and user facilities in order to contribute to the success of these regional initiatives.”

Amendment by Senator Alexander and Senator Feinstein

On page 95 of the report after “initiative.” insert—

“The Committee directs the Department to expend appropriated funds for critical research on environmental science. In addition, the Committee remains concerned about the delay in the current review process, and directs the Department to continue to move forward in awarding grants.”

Amendment by Senator Durbin

On page 96 of the report after “Camera.” insert—

“The Committee recommends \$24,100,000 for the Proton Improvement Project II at Fermi National Laboratory. This funding will advance design work for accelerator upgrades that will support the LBNF project. The Committee also recommends \$7,400,000 for SuperCDMS-SnoLab.”

Amendment by Senator Rubio

On page 108 of the report after “refueling.” insert—

“Naval Reactors relies on high-enriched uranium from weapons that have been removed from the stockpile to fuel the Navy’s aircraft carriers and submarines. The Committee directs Naval Reactors to provide a report to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress on the long-term sustainability of high enriched uranium for Naval Reactor Propulsion for the Navy. The report shall include any impacts that may arise from changes to the shipbuilding plan under consideration and any outcomes of the Nuclear Posture Review. The report shall be provided within 60 days after completion of the Nuclear Posture Review.”

Amendment by Senator Udall

On page 111 of the report after “facility” insert—

“The Committee recommends \$10,000,000 above the budget request to address maintenance backlog issues. The restart of limited operations and the ongoing improvements to site infrastructure at the WIPP facility provides an opportunity to assess the status of current and

future disposal requirements. The Committee directs the Secretary to submit to the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress not later than 90 days after enactment of this act a long-term, consolidated plan for disposing waste at WIPP. The plan shall include an analysis of the remaining capacity of WIPP under volumetric and radionuclide caps authorized under the Land Withdrawal Act. The plan shall also include an analysis of current and future waste streams that are eligible for disposal in WIPP and shall include steps to be taken to involve the state of New Mexico in any recommended changes.”

Amendment by Senator Shaheen

On page 114 of the report after “Commission.”, insert—

“The Committee encourages FERC to prioritize meaningful opportunities for public engagement and coordination with State and local governments in the Federal permitting and review processes of energy infrastructure proposals. Specifically, FERC is encouraged to remain transparent and consistent, and ensure the health, safety, and security of the environment and each affected community.”