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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4478

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 1994

Mr. COPPERSMITH (by request) (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. BRYANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

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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.—This Act may be cited  
4       as the “U.S. Colonias Water Pollution Control Act”.

1        SEC. 2. Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
2 trol Act (33 U.S.C.A. sections 1251, et seq.) is amended  
3 by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

4        **“SEC. 220. ASSISTANCE TO U.S. COLONIAS.**

5        “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to  
6 protect the economy, public health, environment, surface  
7 water, ground water and water quality in the U.S.  
8 Colonias areas which are endangered and are being pol-  
9 luted by raw or partially treated sewage, in furtherance  
10 of the goals of this Act.

11        “(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO U.S. COLONIAS.—  
12 The Administrator is authorized to provide financial as-  
13 sistance to any U.S. State along the United States-Mexico  
14 border, or to any entity designated by the President for  
15 construction of treatment works to serve U.S. Colonias.

16        “(c) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—Any U.S. Colonias  
17 wastewater treatment facility for which financial assist-  
18 ance is provided under this Act shall be constructed in  
19 accordance with plans approved by the State under appro-  
20 priate standards required by the Administrator. Such  
21 plans shall include construction cost estimates and identify  
22 responsible parties and the appropriate allocation of costs  
23 associated with operating and maintaining the treatment  
24 works.

1       “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of con-  
2 struction costs for grants to serve Colonias shall be 50  
3 percent to be matched by an equal amount of State funds  
4 from State sources.

5       “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
6 term ‘U.S. Colonias’ means any identifiable community  
7 that—

8               “(1) is in the State of Arizona, California, New  
9 Mexico, or Texas;

10              “(2) is in the area of the United States within  
11 100 kilometers (62 miles) of the border between the  
12 United States and Mexico. U.S. Colonias may in-  
13 clude a community within a standard metropolitan  
14 statistical area that has a population exceeding  
15 1,000,000, but shall not include the entire such  
16 standard metropolitan statistical area; and

17              “(3) is determined to be a Colonia on the basis  
18 of objective criteria including lack of potable water  
19 supply or lack of adequate sewage systems.

20       “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
21 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purpose  
22 of this section \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 1994 and  
23 \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1995 through 1998.”.

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