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H. R. 2781

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide loan guarantees for water supply, conservation, quality, and transmission projects, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 14, 1995

Mr. ENSIGN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Resources

A BILL

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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. RESCISSION OF SMALL RECLAMATION**
4 **PROJECT LOAN AUTHORIZATION.**

5 Of the available authority balances under the Small
6 Reclamation Projects Act (43 U.S.C. 422 et seq.)
7 \$440,000,000 are rescinded.

1 **SEC. 2. RECLAMATION PROJECT LOAN GUARANTEE PRO-**
2 **GRAM.**

3 In order to encourage State, local and private partici-
4 pation in the development of reclamation projects, the Sec-
5 retary of the Interior is authorized to provide loan guaran-
6 tees to the developers, including nongovernment entities,
7 of water supply, water conservation, water quality and
8 water transmission projects. Guaranteed loans shall bear
9 interest at the rate agreed upon by the borrower and the
10 lender. The amount of guaranteed loans shall be subject
11 only to such limitations as to amounts as may be author-
12 ized from time to time by the Congress: *Provided*, That
13 any amounts guaranteed hereunder shall not be included
14 in the totals of the budget of the United States Govern-
15 ment and shall be exempt from any general limitation im-
16 posed by statute on budget outlays of the United States.
17 As used in this Act a guaranteed loan is one which is ini-
18 tially made, held, and serviced by a legally organized lend-
19 ing institution and which is guaranteed by the Secretary
20 hereunder.

21 **SEC. 3. GUARANTY AS AN OBLIGATION BACKED BY THE**
22 **FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE UNITED**
23 **STATES.**

24 All guaranties issued pursuant to this Act shall con-
25 stitute obligations, in accordance with the terms of such
26 guaranties, of the United States Government and the full

1 faith and credit of the United States is hereby pledged
2 to the full payment and performance of such obligations.

3 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON CONTINGENT LIABILITY.**

4 The maximum contingent liability outstanding at any
5 time pursuant to guaranties issued under this Act shall
6 not exceed in the aggregate \$500,000,000.

7 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.**

8 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
9 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this
10 Act.

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