

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2984

To direct the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation, to convey to the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation District, Nebraska, property comprising the assets of the Middle Loup Division of the Missouri River Basin Project, Nebraska.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CONVEYANCE OF THE ASSETS OF THE MIDDLE**  
2 **LOUP DIVISION OF THE MISSOURI RIVER**  
3 **BASIN PROJECT, NEBRASKA.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Interior, act-  
5 ing through the Bureau of Reclamation, shall promptly  
6 convey to the Districts all right, title, and interest of the  
7 United States in and to the property comprising the assets  
8 of the Missouri River Basin Project, Middle Loup Divi-  
9 sion, Nebraska, in accordance with the Memorandum of  
10 Understanding.

11 (b) **FUTURE BENEFITS.**—Upon payment by the Dis-  
12 tricts of consideration for the conveyance in accordance  
13 with the Memorandum of Understanding, the Middle Loup  
14 Division of the Missouri River Basin Project—

15 (1) shall not be treated as a Federal reclama-  
16 tion project; and

17 (2) shall not be subject to the reclamation laws  
18 or entitled to receive any reclamation benefits under  
19 those laws.

20 (c) **LIABILITY.**—Except as otherwise provided by law,  
21 effective on the date of conveyance of the assets under  
22 this section, the United States shall not be liable for dam-  
23 ages of any kind arising out of any act, omission, or occur-  
24 rence based on its prior ownership or operation of the as-  
25 sets.

26 (d) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

1           (1) ASSETS.—The term “assets” has the mean-  
2           ing that term has in the Memorandum of Under-  
3           standing.

4           (2) DISTRICTS.—The term “Districts” means  
5           the Loup Basin Reclamation District, the Sargent  
6           River Irrigation District, and the Farwell Irrigation  
7           District, Nebraska.

8           (3) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.—The  
9           term “Memorandum of Understanding” means Bu-  
10          reau of Reclamation memorandum of understanding  
11          number 99AG601285, entitled “MEMORANDUM  
12          OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN UNITED  
13          STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
14          BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GREAT PLAINS  
15          REGION NEBRASKA-KANSAS AREA OFFICE  
16          AND LOUP BASIN RECLAMATION DISTRICT  
17          FARWELL IRRIGATION DISTRICT SARGENT  
18          IRRIGATION DISTRICT CONCERNING PRIN-  
19          CIPLES AND ELEMENTS OF PROPOSED  
20          TRANSFER OF TITLE TO WORKS, FACILI-  
21          TIES AND LANDS IN THE MIDDLE LOUP DI-  
22          VISION”.

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