

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 1697

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to refund certain collections received pursuant to the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.

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.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Reclamation Reform
5 Refund Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFUND OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS RECEIVED UNDER**
2 **RECLAMATION REFORM ACT OF 1982.**

3 (a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to the availability
4 of appropriations, the Secretary of the Interior is author-
5 ized and directed to refund fully amounts received by the
6 United States as payments for charges assessed by the
7 Secretary before January 1, 1994, for failure to file or
8 properly file certain certification or reporting forms pursu-
9 ant to sections 206 and 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform
10 Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)) prior to the re-
11 ceipt of irrigation water. Such refunds shall be made re-
12 gardless of whether such payments were required by the
13 United States, were made pursuant to a compromise or
14 settlement (whether court approved or otherwise), or were
15 otherwise received by the United States. Any refund
16 issued pursuant to this subsection shall include the
17 amount of associated interest assessed by the Secretary
18 and paid to the United States pursuant to section 224(i)
19 of that Act (43 U.S.C. 390ww(i)).

1 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 such sums as necessary.

Passed the Senate October 13 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Attest:

Secretary.

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