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S. 1697

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 6, 1999

Mr. SMITH of Oregon (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This title may be cited as the “Reclamation Reform
5 Refund Act of 1999”.

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

8 (a) REFUND REQUIRED.—Subject to subsections (b)
9 and (c) and the availability of appropriations, the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior is authorized to refund fully amounts

1 received by the United States as payments for charges as-
2 sessed by the Secretary before January 1, 1994, for failure
3 to file certain certification or reporting forms prior to the
4 receipt of irrigation water, pursuant to sections 206 and
5 224(c) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (herein-
6 after referred to as the “Act”) (96 Stat. 1266, 1272; 43
7 U.S.C. 390ff, 390ww(c)). Any refund issued pursuant to
8 this subsection shall include the amount of associated in-
9 terest assessed by the Secretary and paid to the United
10 States pursuant to section 224(I) of the Reclamation Re-
11 form Act (101 Stat. 1330–268; 43 U.S.C. 390ww(I)).

12 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.—Except with respect to
13 the 1987 water year, refunds made pursuant to subsection
14 (a) shall be reduced by an administrative fee of \$260 for
15 each failure to file certification or reporting forms.

16 (c) LIMITATION.—Nothing in this title shall be con-
17 strued as authorizing any refund of amounts paid to the
18 United States in the compromise or settlement of any
19 charge, claim, appeal, or dispute under the Act.

20 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
21 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
22 \$1,000,000.

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