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108<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4588

[Report No. 108-758]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 16, 2004

Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mr. REYES, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BONILLA, and Mr. ORTIZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 16, 2004]

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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,*

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4 *2004”.*

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7 **WATER CONSERVATION AND IMPROVEMENT**  
8 **PROGRAM.**

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6           *cost of \$5,312,475.*

7           “(29) *In the Hidalgo County, Texas, Hidalgo*  
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16          *at a cost of \$3,450,000.*

17          “(31) *In the Hidalgo County, Texas Santa Cruz*  
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8        *(b) INCLUSION OF ACTIVITIES TO CONSERVE WATER*  
9        *OR IMPROVE SUPPLY; TRANSFERS AMONG PROJECTS.—*  
10        *Section 4 of such Act (Public Law 106–576; 114 Stat. 3067)*  
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10 **SEC. 3. REAUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR**  
11 **LOWER RIO GRANDE CONSTRUCTION.**

12           *Section 4(e) of the Lower Rio Grande Valley Water*  
13 *Resources Conservation and Improvement Act of 2000*  
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