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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of water resources
in the State of Vermont.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JEFFORDS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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of water resources in the State of Vermont.

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. VERMONT WATER RESOURCES STUDY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
5 ing through the Director of the United States Geological
6 Survey and in coordination with the State of Vermont,
7 shall conduct a study of water resources in the State of
8 Vermont, including—

9 (1) a survey of—

10 (A) with respect to groundwater—

1 (i) supplies, including aquifers, that
2 are available for potable use by municipali-
3 ties in the State; and

4 (ii) availability, potability, potential to
5 recharge, and interaction with surface
6 water; and

7 (B) potential future water supply sources;
8 and

9 (2) a characterization of surface and bedrock
10 geology, including the effect of that geology on
11 groundwater yield and quality.

12 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
13 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
14 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
15 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of
16 Representatives a report describing the results of the
17 study.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
20 essary to carry out this section.

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