

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 1948, with an Amendment

(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1948

To authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2025

Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ZINKE, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COM-**
2 **MISSION AUTHORITY.**

3 (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Commission is authorized
4 to accept funds from a Federal or non-Federal entity, in-
5 cluding through a grant or funding agreement, to study,
6 design, construct, operate, or maintain wastewater treat-
7 ment works, water conservation projects, or flood control
8 works, and related structures, consistent with the func-
9 tions of the Commission.

10 (b) **DEPOSIT.**—Any funds accepted by the Commis-
11 sion under this section shall be deposited into the account
12 in the Treasury of the United States entitled “Inter-
13 national Boundary and Water Commission, United States
14 and Mexico” and shall be available until expended to carry
15 out the activities described in subsection (a).

16 (c) **LIMITATIONS.**—

17 (1) **LIMIT ON REIMBURSEMENT.**—The Commis-
18 sion may not provide credit towards the non-Federal
19 share of the cost of a project, or reimbursement, to
20 non-Federal entities for funds accepted under this
21 section in an amount that exceeds a total of
22 \$5,000,000 in any fiscal year.

23 (2) **SOURCE OF FUNDS.**—The Commission may
24 not accept funds under this section from any non-
25 Federal entity—

1 (A) that is domiciled in, headquartered in,
2 or organized under the laws of, or the principal
3 place of business of which is located in, a for-
4 eign country of concern; or

5 (B) that has in place any agreement with
6 a foreign country of concern.

7 (d) REPORT.—Not later than the last day of each fis-
8 cal year, the Commission shall submit to the Committees
9 on Foreign Relations and Appropriations of the Senate
10 and the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure
11 and Appropriations of the House of Representatives a re-
12 port on the funds accepted under this section that includes
13 a description of—

14 (1) the activities carried out with such funds;
15 and

16 (2) costs associated with such activities.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
19 means the United States Section of the Inter-
20 national Boundary and Water Commission, United
21 States and Mexico.

22 (2) FOREIGN COUNTRY OF CONCERN.—The
23 term “foreign country of concern” has the meaning
24 given that term in section 10638 of the Research

1 and Development, Competition, and Innovation Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 19237).