

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 502
OFFERED BY MR. BISHOP OF UTAH**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Land and Water Con-
3 servation Fund Reauthorization and Fairness Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF LAND AND WATER CON-
5 SERVATION FUND.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 200302 of title 54, United
7 States Code, is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b), in the matter preceding
9 paragraph (1), by striking “During the period end-
10 ing September 30, 2018, there” and inserting
11 “There”; and

12 (2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “through
13 September 30, 2018”.

14 (b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Section 200304 of title
15 54, United States Code, is amended—

16 (1) by striking “There” and inserting the fol-
17 lowing:

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There”;

1 (2) by striking “Not less than 40 percent of
2 such appropriations shall be available for Federal
3 purposes.”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—Of the total amount
6 made available to the Fund through appropriations and
7 deposited into the fund under section 105(a)(2)(B) of the
8 Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (43 U.S.C.
9 13331 note)—

10 “(1) not less than 40 percent of such amount
11 shall be used for Federal purposes under section
12 200306; and

13 “(2) not less than 40 percent of such amount
14 shall be used to provide financial assistance to
15 States under section 200305.”.

16 (c) PARITY FOR TERRITORIES AND THE DISTRICT OF
17 COLUMBIA.—Section 200305(b) of title 54, United States
18 Code, is amended by striking paragraph (5).

19 (d) PUBLIC ACCESS.—Section 200306 of title 54,
20 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
21 following:

22 “(c) PUBLIC ACCESS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amounts made
24 available for expenditure in any fiscal year under
25 section 200303, not less than the greater of 3 per-

1 cent of the amounts or \$20,000,000 shall be made
2 available for projects identified on the priority list
3 developed under paragraph (2).

4 “(2) PRIORITY LIST.—The Secretary of the In-
5 terior and the Secretary of Agriculture, in consulta-
6 tion with the head of each affected Federal agency,
7 shall annually develop a priority list for projects re-
8 lated to Federal land under the jurisdiction of the
9 applicable Secretary.

10 “(3) CRITERIA.—Projects identified on the pri-
11 ority list developed under paragraph (2) shall—

12 “(A) maintain or increase public access to
13 existing Federal public land for hunting, fish-
14 ing, recreational shooting, or other outdoor rec-
15 reational purposes through acquisition of rights-
16 of-way or acquisition of land (or any interest in
17 land), including through equal value land ex-
18 changes; or

19 “(B) enhance, maintain, or restore access
20 on existing trails or rights-of-way.”.

