

Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 831, With an Amendment

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

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 831

To establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. CALVERT (for himself, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. TITUS, Mr. HORSFORD, and Mr. STANTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

To establish an interest-bearing account for the non-Federal contributions to the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program, and for other purposes.

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 Act may be cited as the “Lower Colorado River
5 Multi-Species Conservation Program Amendment Act of
6 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTEREST-BEARING FUND.**

2 Section 9402 of the Omnibus Public Land Manage-
3 ment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–11; 123 Stat. 1328)
4 is amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(c) **INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT FOR NON-FED-**
6 **ERAL CONTRIBUTIONS.—**

7 “(1) **DEFINITIONS.—**In this subsection:

8 “(A) **AGREEMENT.—**The term ‘Agreement’
9 means the agreement entitled the ‘Lower Colo-
10 rado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
11 Funding and Management Agreement’ and
12 dated April 4, 2005.

13 “(B) **FUND.—**The term ‘Fund’ means the
14 Non-Federal Funding Account for the Lower
15 Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Pro-
16 gram established by paragraph (2).

17 “(C) **NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION.—**The
18 term ‘non-Federal contribution’ means an
19 amount contributed by a State Party for the
20 non-Federal cost share described in section 8 of
21 the Agreement.

22 “(D) **STATE PARTY.—**The term ‘State
23 Party’ has the meaning given the term in sec-
24 tion 3 of the Agreement.

25 “(2) **ESTABLISHMENT.—**There is established in
26 the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be

1 known as the ‘Non-Federal Funding Account for the
2 Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation
3 Program’, consisting of—

4 “(A) any amounts deposited in the Fund
5 under paragraph (3); and

6 “(B) any interest earned on investment of
7 amounts in the Fund under paragraph (4).

8 “(3) DEPOSITS TO FUND.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to section
10 8.4 of the Agreement, the Secretary of the
11 Treasury shall deposit in the Fund—

12 “(i) any unexpended non-Federal con-
13 tributions provided before the date of en-
14 actment of this subsection; and

15 “(ii) any non-Federal contributions
16 provided on or after the date of enactment
17 of this subsection.

18 “(B) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—

19 “(i) EXPENDITURE.—Amounts depos-
20 ited in the Fund under subparagraph (A)
21 shall be made available to the Secretary,
22 without further appropriation, for expendi-
23 ture—

24 “(I) as provided in the Program
25 Documents; and

1 “(II) in accordance with this sec-
2 tion.

3 “(ii) INTEREST.—Amounts derived
4 from interest earned on amounts in the
5 Fund under subparagraph (A) shall be
6 made available, subject to appropriation of
7 amounts derived from such interest, to the
8 Secretary for expenditure—

9 “(I) as provided in the Program
10 Documents; and

11 “(II) in accordance with this sec-
12 tion.

13 “(4) INVESTMENT OF AMOUNTS.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the
15 Treasury may invest any portion of the Fund
16 that is not, as determined by the Secretary, re-
17 quired to meet the current needs of the Fund.

18 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—Investments under
19 subparagraph (A) may be made only in inter-
20 est-bearing obligations of the United States.

21 “(5) TRANSFERS OF AMOUNTS.—

22 “(A) TRANSFER OF PREVIOUSLY CONTRIB-
23 UTED FUNDS.—The amounts required to be de-
24 posited in the Fund under paragraph (3)(A)(i)
25 shall be transferred from the general fund of

1 the Treasury to the Fund not later than 90
2 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
3 section.

4 “(B) TRANSFER OF FUTURE CONTRIB-
5 UTED FUNDS.—As soon as practicable after the
6 date on which amounts described in paragraph
7 (3)(A)(ii) are contributed, those amounts shall
8 be transferred to the Fund.

9 “(C) RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE PAR-
10 TIES.—In accordance with the Agreement, on
11 deposit of amounts in the Fund under para-
12 graph (3), the State Parties shall not be re-
13 sponsible for any losses due to investment of
14 those amounts the Fund.”.